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The Editor's Page

Who Starts the Show?

This is Chapter Three of our attempts to encourage short-range action to provide vocational training and opportunities for the deaf on a national scale. Chapter One deplored the delay in concrete efforts, and Chapter Two was a plea for national and regional centers.

WHO? Gallaudet College and the superintendents of our residential or similar schools for the deaf.

Gallaudet College is the world's only college for the deaf, and for the deaf of the United States it should take the lead in vocational training as well. One step has already been taken—recognition of the fact that many college students are neither inclined nor perhaps not qualified to continue their college work through their senior year, with the resulting conferring of what are known as "associate" degrees upon completion of the sophomore year.

No matter how many students Gallaudet College will be able to accommodate physically, the per cent of students who are qualified academically will remain almost constant. Unless the schools for the deaf throughout the country double and triple their enrollments—which seems unlikely—where are additional academic students to come from? All too many of our schools turn out students who, although intelligent, are not college material. There are always many of them who would succeed in skilled trades, or even professions, given the opportunities to obtain training. Gallaudet College could provide this training for the top-notch prospects subject to admission requirements similar to the present "entrance examinations" for academic students.

Now for the superintendents of the residential schools and their roles:

Vocational training on the state level is an educational function. Only the superintendents are in a position to coordinate in-school and after-school vocational training. Some of our superintendents have long been genuinely concerned with what happens to their products; others take the complacent attitude that: "Now we have educated them; let others take care of them." As pointed out in Chapter Two, vocational training does not have to be based entirely on school campuses, but the superintendents and their school staffs should be better able to take the lead than other authorities. Work? Yes, mountains of it, but most states have the vocational rehabilitation personnel who could be guided by the superintendents. Conflicts? Yes, plenty of them, but after all the interests of the deaf in need of training would be the governing factor in all the efforts.

Superintendents would, of course, have to band together to get the regional centers. There is no reason why Gallaudet College couldn't take the initiative in pushing for these regional centers, as well as a national center.

Lest we be accused of stealing some-

body's thunder in these three chapters, let us state that we have yet to learn the contents of the report on that conference held at Old Point Comfort, Virginia in October, 1959. We were informed that the report would be printed "in due time." Definitions of the foregoing phrase vary, and we have previously owned up to our impatience with the lack of action even when reports are published.

Father Keeps Driver's License

Several months back a wire service carried an account of a Louisville, Kentucky, man's efforts to have his 80-year-old father's driver's license taken away on the grounds that his deafness made him a "hazard" to himself and other motorists. The traffic judge admitted that there was no way he could legally confiscate the elderly man's license unless he committed an offense calling for revocation or suspension of a driver's license. This was in contrast to the judge's earlier statement that hearing is extremely important to safe driving and his belief that a deaf person should not be eligible for a driver's license at all.

This case illustrates the attitude of many judges throughout the country in regard to deaf drivers. While they speak out against deaf drivers, they admit that they cannot revoke driver's licenses under present laws. Plans are afoot in several states to introduce bills calling for physical examinations or re-examinations for all drivers. Within some of these bills are detailed provisions which would bar all deaf drivers by spelling out qualifications. WATCH YOUR LEGISLATURE CLOSELY!

Proposals Being Studied

The deadline for submitting suggestions for a new name for **THE SILENT WORKER** has passed. We have a sizeable accumulation of entries in our little contest which we are tabulating for submission to the Executive Board of the National Association of the Deaf. While quite a few of the names submitted have merit, it remains to be seen whether or not the Board Members will agree on a winning title. If a new name is selected, it might not be used until the beginning of Volume 14 in September. In the meantime we ask that those who are interested bear with us until a decision is reached. Thanks to all who sent in suggestions.

Anent Deaf Characters on TV

From time to time network television programs carry programs in which one of the characters is deaf. Quite often deaf viewers are startled to see somebody on the screen using the sign language. The usual reaction: "Why didn't somebody tell us deaf people beforehand that such a program was to have a deaf character?" We are toying with the notion of writing the

program departments of the major networks to ask them to supply us a listing of their programs having deaf characters or references to deafness. We wonder whether enough readers are interested to make this worthwhile.

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The Manual Language: Veteran Friend of the Deaf

By HADLEY W. SMITH

The manual language is not the only means of communication for the deaf, but it is well known to thousands of them. They treasure the clarity it affords in their ready understanding and of their being understood. Those familiar with it usually agree it has proved itself a veteran friend.

The manual language has been of great and unfailing help to the deaf and their hearing companions alike. In a world of silence they never made, the saving utility of its standardized signs and dactylography (symbol motions and fingerspelling) are godsends. Always it has attracted many users among the American deaf and their associates.

This handily graphic and beautiful medium makes possible a satisfying speed and a comfortable exactness in communication. Its naturalness in many situations for decades has been shown. Manual language as used by any fluent expert is at least as rapid as spoken language. Within its lucid framework, the aforementioned flowing clarity and range of expressions are well known. Its splendid powers as a tool for breaking quickly through barriers of silence are surpassed only by its mellifluous grace. Its use in the stern struggle against frustration alone would justify it as a language form of untold worth and deserved durability. Its perfection in meeting many fundamental communication needs is a subject for inspiration and practical rejoicing. The challenge of silence is overcome ably through manual language.

Is the manual language a true language? Gallaudet College Dean Dr. George Detmold states, in referring to Dr. William C. Stokoe's translation of the hand and finger signals of the manual language into printed symbols: "Up to now the dominant opinion has been that sign language was not a language at all. We have discovered, however, that it is a language in every respect."

Without at all wishing to stir controversy by the following opinion, we submit humbly but firmly that the venerable insignia featuring the upright, manual letter "A" under the classic legend, "Let There Be Light," is neither so old-fashioned nor anachronistic as some skeptics might feel.



Hadley W. Smith, a hearing man who ably edits *THE OHIO CHRONICLE*, is a firm believer in the worth of the sign language from a practical standpoint. He has the benefit of years of experience at the Ohio School in various capacities, not the least of which is director of recreational activities.

Certainly the manual language remains well and widely used by the adult deaf of America, without apologies, wherever their meetings occur. It strikes us that none should know better than the deaf themselves whether the manual language is useful. We surmise that the National Association of the Deaf would support such a view. Clear comprehension, for example, by a deaf assembly of a lecture delivered from the podium should prove the point.

We do know one thing from experience, as a hearing person who daily uses and has great respect for the manual language: it is that whenever we have chanced to encounter some deaf person in a group of non-signing, loud-talking, and hearing note writers, his face has lighted with a blessed glory of relief at the first sight of someone or anyone who can break the common confusion by bringing manual language into play. An immediate perfection of understanding and kinship passes between the two like a flood of sunshine. Though they be complete strangers to each other, the pressure of the impasse in communication is at

(Hadley W. Smith, author of "The Manual Language: Veteran Friend of the Deaf," was born February 1, 1912, at Dayton, Campbell County, Kentucky. He moved to Cincinnati in infancy and thence to Columbus, Ohio, where he has spent most of his life. He was educated in Columbus Public Schools: Indianola Elementary and Junior High; North High School, where he was a member of the National Honor Society and various clubs, as well as honorary football captain; and took his B.A. degree at Ohio State University in 1934, where he achieved the honor roll and earned Varsity "O" rank as a championship intercollegiate and AAU wrestler.

He joined the Ohio School for the Deaf staff in September, 1935, as supervisor of older boys. Except for a brief absence in 1937, he remained at OSD until 1940. Served in World War II with the Seventh Army in Italy, France, Germany, and Austria. Trained at Camp Croft, South Carolina, as an anti-tank gunner. But, following the invasion of Southern France in 1944, he wound up as a French military interpreter for a U. S. General Staff Corps officer. At the war's end, he was transferred to the U. S. Air Force and flown from Paris to New York City, thence to a base near San Antonio, Texas. He was honorably discharged in 1945 (Bronze Star, four combat stars, and invasion arrowhead).

He rejoined the staff of the Ohio School in 1946, where he has since served as Recreation Department head. In addition, he assumed duties as editor of the school's paper, *The Ohio Chronicle* in 1951, in which position he is yet active.

In 1947, he married the former Ginette Gaspard, daughter of the late George Emil Gaspard, mayor of Lunéville, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France. An American citizen since 1949, Mrs. Smith is active in the Girl Scout organization.

Mr. Smith's hobbies include reading and writing, athletics, travel, and chess. But his major friendly and working interest is—the deaf.)

once relieved. Pads are put away and rapid manual conversation flows into smooth action.

These remarks are intended as no challenge or downgrading of other useful methods of communication for the deaf. These observations are simply one way of paying due credit to and of openly recognizing—without apology—the manual language as one of such methods in certain situations. Here is an honest offering of the firm belief that the manual language of the deaf is destined to be around for a long

time—as long, in fact, as there are deaf folks who wish to say something to one another and to hearing friends who have cared enough to learn the language. To undermine the preservation of the manual language would constitute a real tragedy. We predict unequivocally the vital persistence of this splendid language tool for the non-hearing.

As a useful legitimate supplement to other methods or whatever, this revered means of communication whose upright letter "A" symbolizes "Let There Be Light" is a hardy treasure. Ease and dispatch in good communication are high values to prize. Long second thoughts will ever accord rightful homage to this indispensable perennial.

The first meeting of a hearing person with manual language usually finds him mystified. His response holds a current of grudging admiration nudging his uncomprehending view of

it. Manual language initially seen in positive action has dramatic impact, an almost magical wonder to those unfamiliar with it. The very fact of its physical rendition also supplies fine outlet.

When invited to try his hand(s) at it, the hearing one usually cries, "Oh, I could never learn that!" Actually, he probably could learn the basic one-hand alphabet and the simpler signs of the common vocabulary very readily, if he tried. Interest is the key, and nothing more. With practice, he soon could communicate quite passably with deaf persons anywhere.

To those reluctant hearing ones, seldom can we resist the notion of holding our right hand centered somewhere near their eyes with that proud old letter "A" reared majestically upright. Then cordially, we would like to invite, "Let There Be Light!"

The Sign Language as a Descriptive Media

By LeROY R. SUBIT

While the finger alphabet was one of the first means of person-to-person communication of the deaf and has proved efficient in creating comprehension of little used terms and abstract phrases, when used before an audience of large size for any great length of time it has proved to be, for the deaf, as tiring to the eye as trying to read the lips of a lecturer on the stage when seated in the last row of the balcony.

Many deaf persons can state that when the use of fingerspelling was made exclusively by a lecturer, the first sensation on the part of the "hearer" was intense interest, which gradually gave way to hypnosis, and many of the audience found themselves sleeping with eyes wide open.

On the other hand, the manual use of descriptive signs can paint a word picture before the eyes of the audience that is graceful, descriptive, and entertaining. It can be truthfully said that word pictures encourage complete psychological participation on the part of the audience, for not only are the majority of signs stimulating to the thought process, but, when properly and gracefully performed, are restful to the eye.

No matter what so-called authorities on the making of signs may claim, the most effective, descriptive, and audience-holding are the types that actually do create word-pictures . . . sign pictures that are clear and sharp, an avoiding of the abstract, the high-flung phrase, the attempt to go "over the heads" of the audience. There has been, in late years, a tendency to advocate use of so-called "fancy" signs that have no bearing on a logical and

practical interpretative word picture.

The writer remembers an incident at a gathering where there were quite a few "good signers" present. One of the guests set out to impress the group and announced that he was going to recite "The Charge of the Light Brigade." The majority of those present knew this famous poem of Alfred Lord Tennyson fairly well. The person reciting the poem launched into a lot of fancy hand-waving, arm waving, and body contortions and screwed his face up into every shape of expression seen under the sun and many that are not. To make a long story short, when panting for breath, drenched with perspiration, and eyes glazed from the force of his delivery, the man finally stopped, most of the guests looked questioningly at each other, and one of them said to him, "Now that you have done your sitting-up exercises, when are you going to recite 'The Charge of the Light Brigade'?" For in the eyes of the assembled guests, the fancy signs that the man made had no resemblance whatever to the beautiful lines written by Alfred Lord Tennyson.

It must be remembered that the average audiences of the deaf are not given to high-flung vocabulary, and, as a result, the factors that govern their understanding must be placed within certain limits. Therefore, it is logical that the sign language be kept within a reasonable, universal, and easily understood standard.

Any sign that does not bring to mind a definite word-picture should be discarded as impractical and immaterial.

Sign Language Now Literate

The language of signs now has a new status among the languages of the world. A book by Professor William C. Stokoe, Jr., of Gallaudet College shows the true linguistic nature of the "signs" used by thousands of deaf persons in the United States and Canada. In the book: *Sign Language Structure* (Studies in Linguistics, Occasional Papers 8, University of Buffalo, 1960), Dr. Stokoe uses modern linguistic science to analyze this rapid and expressive visual language. He isolates the elements of the signs and gives symbols for them so that for the first time what is "said" in this language can be written down.

Dr. Stokoe's book reports the first stage of a continuing research program. Supported by Gallaudet College research funds and a grant from the American Council of Learned Societies, this first stage deals with the basic elements of the word-like signs. Further research supported by a National Science Foundation grant will examine the grammar and syntax of the sign language.

The book gives a short history of the sign language and its relation to spoken and to manually spelled out English. A table in the back gives a list of the symbols needed for writing the language. A new font, designed by Dr. Stokoe and made by the Vari-Typer Corporation, will make possible the preparation and publication of clear and convenient dictionaries, grammars, and textbooks in the language of signs.

Sign Language Structures, an outline of the visual communication systems of the American Deaf, by William C. Stokoe, Jr., published by Gallaudet College and *Studies in Linguistics*, 80 pp., can be purchased from the Gallaudet College Bookstore for two dollars a copy.

Pictorial Interests Inventory Research Project in Progress

Gallaudet College, under a grant from the U. S. Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, is conducting a research project, "Pictorial Interests Inventory for Use With the Deaf." The study was initiated by the college last year to develop a picture interests inventory expressly for deaf people as one method of determining in which kinds of occupations deaf persons seeking occupational guidance might be most successful.

Director of the research is Dr. Stephen P. Quigley, who is director of the Office of Psycho-Educational Research at Gallaudet College. Dr. Harold Geist, a clinical psychologist in Berkeley, California, serves as principal investigator for the project.

Dr. Quigley reports that the pictorial test was administered twice this past year to approximately 1000 deaf male students, 16 years of age and older, in more than 20 residential and day schools for the deaf in the United States. It was also administered to about 150 male students at Gallaudet College and to several hundred deaf male adults who were clients of state vocational rehabilitation agencies throughout the country.

The Biography of a Talking Dog

By KATE STRAUSS SHIBLEY

(Editor's note: Nearly 30 years ago *The Volta Review* carried an absorbing story by Kate Strauss Shibley about her success in teaching a dog to produce sounds approximating articulate speech. The story was subsequently reprinted in *The Arkansas Optic* for February, 1932. Mrs. Kate Strauss (Mrs. Harry B., Sr.) Shibley, now 85, is a hearing woman who taught, along with Mr. Shibley, a deaf man now 92, in four state schools for the deaf. She was the first faculty member of the Arkansas School for the Deaf to be granted a certificate by the Conference of Executives of American Schools for the Deaf. She also holds an honorary life membership in the American Speech and Hearing Association. One of her deepest regrets is that she failed to make and keep pictures of Kid, the dog described in the following article. Since Kid's demise, she has taught two other family pet dogs to "articulate" the sound "Mama" in addition to other tricks.)

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The Biography of A TALKING DOG

By Kate Strauss Shibley

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*Note—"The Volta Review" was founded by the late Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone. It is published in Washington, D. C., at The Volta Bureau.

This magazine is the official organ of The Association to Promote the Teaching of Speech to the Deaf.

With the publication of this article, the magazine carried the following sketch of the contributor: "What man has done, man can do" (only, in this case, it is a woman.) Kate Strauss Shibley tells an absorbing story of her success in teaching a dog to produce sounds approximating articulate speech. It is interesting to note, just as this magazine is going to press, that Dr. William Lentz of the University of Pennsylvania, has recently stated that if care were exercised in breeding dogs for intelligence, it would be easily possible to bring about a race of dogs that could be taught a sign language." Mrs. Shibley formerly was a teacher of sense-training and beginning speech in the following state schools for the deaf: Arkansas, Oklahoma, West Virginia and Home Oral School founded by the late Charles Page (millionaire-philanthropist) at Sand Springs, Oklahoma. Mrs. Shibley taught a normal class and was principal of the Arkansas School for the Deaf.

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In the American Magazine of November, 1921, there is an account of the late Alexander Graham Bell's having taught a skye terrier to produce a series of sounds resembling, "How are you grandma?" This is the true story of a dog similarly taught.

Kid was a month old when he came

to us. He seemed to be a perfect specimen of pit bull pup; not a flaw on him; all cuddly, soft and warm. Pressed close on the curve of my arm, I could feel the quick beat of his heart as we bargained to buy him. Then (as though he understood what it was all about) the moment the price was agreed upon he darted out a small red tongue and smeared a kiss of gratitude over my face.

In his training Kid required very little disciplining; patiently "staying with it" until a command which was understood usually brought satisfactory results to both mistress and puppy.

In his development Kid passed through at least seven ages of dog. There was the shoe-and-hose age; the duster-brush age; the age when he fairly devoured books and magazines, and other ages—bringing him by successive stages to the bone-collecting age. This last stage of Kid's development soon became a matter of serious business with him; woe unto the dog, be he ever so humble or aristocratic, that attempted to deduct one bone from Kid's varied collection.

Kid promptly adopted us as members of his family, and from the very first he seemed to take delight in showing off. Within a few months it was evident that he was laboring to balance his round, pudgy, body on wobbly hind legs. When he had perfected this balance, he never gave up until, thus poised, he walked. At the age of eight months he was strutting for some half dozen steps, with swagger not graceful, but quite satisfying to Kid.

He then began adding to his repertoire, obedience to such time-old commands as: "Sit-up"; "Salute"; "Wave your paw bye-bye"; "Stand on your hind legs"; "Yawn"; "Stick out your tongue"; "Turn around"; "Turn two times." He never seemed to lose his enthusiasm for acquiring new tricks, and it was not many months before he was literally prancing and dancing as I sang the old tunes, "Where, Oh, Where, Has My Little Dog Gone?" and "Granny Will Your Dog Bite? No, Child, No."

All along, there had been instances in which Kid had given clear proof of having a mind of his own, and evidence that he was not lacking in a sense of humor, originality, and curiosity; without which qualities, even human intelligence is hardly complete.

Kid now stood out in our southern village as a dog having decided individuality.

It was at the end of Kid's first year that he was struck down by a speeding ambulance. The accident must have come as an insult to a dog of Kid's self-assurance and independent nature: to be knocked down by an ambulance and not to be picked up!

I had been away from home for a week, and returning on a midnight train, I found that Kid's master had

carried him into the house, where the poor dog had lain for hours without moving. Indelibly impressed upon my memory is the dog's look of confidence and affection when, kneeling down beside him, I announced, "Kid, old boy, your mistress is here!"

As unexplainable as a radio message, his eyes flashed back, "Thank goodness you've come! The folks are saying I'll not walk again. If you'll just stay with me, together, we'll see this thing through." We did see it through. His left shoulder was fractured, and the veterinarian said, "Let nature take its course."

For two weeks, we carried Kid about on an improvised stretcher and fed him from our hands. A human member of our family could not have received kinder treatment. Cautiously, Kid ventured to steady himself and then the day came when he began to totter on three legs; in a few months he was again "hitting on all four."

Before Kid was eighteen months old, he was trying to "talk." Do not smile please; this is Kid's biography—Kid was actually trying to talk.

I doubt whether he was conscious of wanting to carry on a conversation, although it was evident to members of our family that he had become conscious of owning and controlling a voice and that he was making a decided effort to articulate: first by jaw-gymnastics and later by crude dog-jabbering. He soon learned to pitch his voice in a high or low register, by imitating, in a queer falsetto, the pitch and tone of my voice. A day never passed that Kid failed to come to me for his lesson in "speech." Friends suggested that "dogged patience and bulldog determination" had much to do with Kid's finally producing the "spoken" syllable "maw."

For a number of years, I had taught beginning speech in schools for the deaf and fully realized that interest and perseverance on the part of both teacher and pupil can often work wonders.

After Kid learned to "speak" "maw," I encouraged him to repeat after me, "maw-maw." Going further, there were times when he drawled out, very deliberately, the following combination, "Aw, maw-maw!" There were rare occasions when he painstakingly repeated after me, "Aw waw maw-maw" (I want my mama). This was Kid's final triumph, and it always gave his audience a thrill; the effect was startling because so nearly human.

Children took untiring delight in bringing their friends to our home, to hear Kid "talk." The dog possessed unusual self control: always going through his program with apparent pride, and seeming to sense the novelty of his entertainment and the pleasure it brought to each admiring group.

Kid was popular with the Boy Scouts, and great was the day when he gave

an exhibition in our public school.

An additional interesting fact concerning Kid is worth mentioning. My husband is deaf, and the sign language is used freely in our home. Kid knew his master's signs quite as well as the average dog knows his master's voice. The sign for "cat" always had an electrifying effect upon the dog, sending him tearing down the street, looking up trees and telephone poles. The word "b-a-l-l," spelled on the fingers, sent him dashing through the house on an animated search for his solid rubber ball which, when found, was brought to some member of the family. Then, striking a pose, Kid would catch the ball in his mouth, on "one bounce" or on "two" as directed.

What seemed to be clear evidence that Kid possessed both discrimination and judgement was shown by the dog using no voice, whenever his attention was directed, to his master; Kid surely realized that my husband can not hear. The dog, when desiring a favor, would look up into his master's face, open and close his mouth, mechanically, producing a droll pantomime.

On two different occasions, when I had left home for the night, Kid, hearing the alarm in the morning (and doubtless feeling the responsibility that rested upon his keen sense of hearing) came to the bed on hearing the alarm; rubbed his cold, wet nose against his master's hand and in that universal language of natural signs, told his master it was "six o'clock and time to get up."

It is a very common occurrence for dogs, owned by deaf people, to make the fact known, when there is someone knocking at the door or ringing the bell.

Unfortunately, when Kid was two years old a skin disorder suddenly appeared and, as time went by, refused to respond to treatment. It was then that he was crated and shipped to an adjoining state, to a man who loves dogs and who is a specialist in the treatment of their diseases. Kid was given the best of medical attention, but the fight to cure him proved to be a losing one. When the dog began to suffer, he was sent to the Dog's Hereafter, by the chloroform route.

And so endeth the short biography of Kid; a dog that surely had personality; what else can it be called? He is missed by old and young, in his old hometown, and many of his friends ask what has become of him. Regret is always expressed that the dog could not live out his years to a good old age here among his many admirers.

Statements From Witnesses

To whom is may concern:

Mrs. Kate S. Shibley, Van Buren, Arkansas, shipped me a white bulldog, named Kid, for treatment, and I had this dog in my personal possession for nearly a year. During that time I had Kid go through his program of stunts and tricks many times for the pleasure of my family and friends.

When Mrs. Shibley sent the dog to me, she wrote me fully telling about him and his peculiar ability along some lines. I was just a little skeptical when I read the letter as to Kid's ability to do all things she told about. Not that I doubted Mrs. Shibley's statement in that regard, but I felt that I might have to use my imagination to some extent when it came to a dog actually talking or trying to talk.

As soon as Kid was rested from his trip, I called the family out into the back yard for a demonstration. I soon found out that Mrs. Shibley had been very modest in her claims for the dog's intelligence and for his ability to talk or try to talk. Kid made a very distinct combination of sounds (repeating after me), that could be easily understood as "Mama," "O, Mama," "I want my Mama," etc. As stated before, his performance was done not only once but many times in my presence. Not only that; he had quite a repertoire of stunts, waltzing, turning around while standing up on his hind legs, once, twice, or three times, as commanded, saluting, singing a fair tenor accompaniment to simple tunes by whining in a high pitched tone, etc. When told to go look out the window, he would promptly do so, and when asked if he saw anyone he would bark for the affirmative or remain silent if no one was in sight. The remarkable thing about Kid was his intelligence, as he seemed to understand most anything that was said to him. He really seemed to enjoy having some one talk to him, and he always seemed to get as big a "kick" out of doing some stunts or talking as we did out of having him do them.

Given this third day of June, 1929, City of West Plains, County of Howell, State of Missouri.

Signed: CHARLES R. BOHRER.

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We the undersigned citizens of Van Buren, Arkansas, vouch for statements made by Mrs. Kate Shibley, in the accompanying manuscript, entitled "Kid."

We saw the dog perform all of the tricks herein mentioned and heard him produce, vocally, combinations that sounded like the words "Mama," and "Oh, Mama!"

Signed: JOS. B. RICE, M.D.
MRS. BESS CARPENER,

Teacher, Van Buren Schools twenty years.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this first day of June, 1929. My commission as a Notary Public expires May 10th, 1931.

Signed: W. G. FURRY,
Notary Public, Van Buren, Arkansas.
(Note: The magazine "Modern Maturity" recently published the story of Kid, and a review was afterwards, in *The Tulsa World* pet column.)

Mr. and Mrs. Shibley are now living in Coffeyville, Kansas, and usually have a dog that is a loved member of their family, and "humanized" by their attention.

Gallaudet Draws Foreigners As Education Graduates

So that they may contribute a greater service to the education and welfare of the deaf in their homelands, three teachers from China and one from the new state of Hawaii are currently enrolled in the Graduate Department of Education of Gallaudet College. From China are Miss Emma Ling-hwa Shieh, Miss Kwok-Chi Ling, and Mr. Yuan-fu Kuo. Mr. Mahn K. Lee is from Hawaii. The four have come to the college to study the educational methods and administrative policies used in schools for the deaf in this country. After returning home, they hope to improve conditions in schools for the deaf in which they teach.

Emma Ling-hwa of 19 Chin-hsioh Street, Tainan, Taiwan, China, is in her second year of teacher training at Gallaudet. Entering the college in September, 1959, she is the first person from China to enroll in the Graduate Department of Education. Before coming to Gallaudet, she taught in the Taiwan Provincial Tainan Blind and Dumb School for three years. She is a graduate of Taiwan Normal University, from which she holds a B. A. degree. A native of Kwangtung, Canton, China, she learned about Gallaudet College from the United States Information Service in Taiwan.

Miss Kwok-chi Ling of 12A La Salle Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong, China, holds a B. A. degree in Education from Chu Hai College, Kowloon. After her graduation, she taught for ten years at the All Saints' School in Kowloon. A native of Canton, China, Miss Ling has been interested in the deaf since early childhood.

Mr. Yuan-fu Kuo is a native and resident of Shuang Ho Chen, Tangho Hsien, Honan Province, China. He holds a B.A. Degree from Taiwan Normal University and a graduate diploma from Taiwan Provincial College of Law and Commerce. Mr. Kuo, who has taught English in the Taiwan Provincial Taipei School for the Blind and the Deaf for the past three years, says: "My teaching experience at the Taipei School revealed to me the great need for teachers trained in special education. Many of the things I will learn at Gallaudet College will help me do a better job of teaching the deaf when I return home."

Mr. Mahn K. Lee of 1382 Frank Street, Honolulu, Hawaii, is the second person from Hawaii to enroll in the Graduate Department of Education of Gallaudet College. A native of Kona, Hawaii, he received a B.S. degree from the University of Hawaii in 1937 and then spent one year as a special student at Stout Institute. Mr. Lee taught industrial arts and shop crafts at the Diamond Head School, the state school for the deaf and blind, for the past six years. After his year at Gallaudet, he plans to resume teaching at the Diamond Head School but will be in the academic department.

A Report on the Linda Downs Fund

By EMERSON ROMERO, Chairman

The response to the primary appeal for printing and postage expenses to start the Linda Downs Fund campaign was very gratifying. A limited number of appeals were sent to a few selected friends asking for a dollar or two, for initial expenses. Not only did many friends send in the dollar or two; they also sent in checks for \$5, \$10, and more for the Fund.

The committee had hoped to obtain between \$150 and \$200 to cover the estimated expenses. The total donations amounted to \$921.82.

Many friends and several members of the committee went out of their way to take up a collection among their co-workers and friends and turned in checks representing lump sums. For this we are very grateful. However, we regret the omission of many names from our list of donors who gave to the collections.

The treasurer's report for the year ending December 31, 1960, follows:

Donations received	\$921.82
Expenses	184.17
Balance on hand	\$737.65
Publicity:	
Printing	\$21.00
Mimeographing	21.75
Films & processing	76.52
"Thank you" cards	1.80
Miscellaneous	1.00
	\$122.07
Postage	\$ 17.10
Doctor's bill	10.00
Tutoring	30.00
Miscellaneous	5.00
Total expenses	\$184.17

Stephen Zdanko,
Treasurer

Many people have asked, "What is emotional disturbance and how does it affect a child who is deaf?" For this purpose, the committee decided to have motion pictures taken of Linda Downs, both in 8 mm and 16 mm sizes, for showing among the groups interested. The 8 mm is best for homes or small gatherings; the 16 mm is for clubs. Either film may be borrowed without charge for a few days.

Letters

"It is a wonderful thing you are doing for Linda. You have the ball rolling and you should get much satisfaction out of knowing you started this." E.Z. (Florida)

"Enclosed please find our check to help start the appeal for Linda Downs. We think you are doing such fine work. More power to you."—M.B. (New Jersey)

"God bless you in your most charitable work."—A.S. (Long Island)

"We are only too glad to respond to the help of a good cause."—J.W. (Bronx)

"This is a wonderful thing you are doing and we wish you success."—M.R. (N.Y.)

"Your idea is excellent and we hope you have luck with it."—J.G. (N.Y.)

"We received your appeal for Linda Downs. She deserves special attention and help. We are happy to enclose our check to help get the campaign started."—J.B. (N.Y.)

"Let us hope Linda can be helped. Being deaf and dumb is handicap enough without the second one in the form of a behavior pattern. God bless you and may He help you to find a way to help Linda."—L.S. (N.Y.)

"We wish you the very best success in your campaign to help Linda. So many times people wish they could help someone and the help stops at the wishing point. Congratulations for going one step further than wishing . . . by acting."—F.C. (Long Island)

"It is a shame things are this way, and wonderful that you have been doing so much about it."—G.A.D. (N.Y.)

"I have known about Linda through a friend and have been troubled about it. I think it is wonderful that you are doing something about it."—L.Z. (N.Y.)

"It is indeed most kind of you to start the wheels in motion in this humanitarian effort; and it is our prayer and hope that with much patience you will succeed."—P.Z. (N.Y.)

"A friend showed us your letter and The Linda Downs Story. Please let us help a bit, too. Enclosed is our check."—A.T. (Long Island)

"More power to you. This world needs more people like you."—F.H. (Georgia)

Press Clippings

LITTLE GIRL FINALLY STARTS EDUCATION

A 7-year-old Massapequa girl is finally receiving an education.

Linda Downs of 248 North Nassau Avenue started her private lessons on December 5 thanks to the efforts of The Press and Emerson Romero, a friend of the family.

Born of deaf parents, Linda is an emotionally disturbed child who was unable to receive instruction in schools for the deaf because of her unique problem.

Romero, who is also deaf, saw the need for schooling, and instituted a fund appeal to help educate the child. His efforts and stories in The Press

OUR COVER PICTURE

Little Linda Downs gets some tutoring help from Mrs. Arnold Naidich of Plainview, Long Island, a former teacher at the New York School for the Deaf in White Plains. Mrs. Naidich spends an hour a day, five days a week, working with Linda, who is emotionally disturbed as well as deaf.

have helped get the private tutoring needed.

Romero continued his steady corresponding with the State Education Department and last month Linda's mother received word that the state was sending a teacher to help Linda. Mrs. Arnold Naidich, a former teacher with the New York School for the Deaf in White Plains, was given the job.

Mrs. Naidich, who spent four years with the White Plains school, has been a housewife since 1951. She spends an hour a day with Linda, five days a week, under the State Education Department auspices.

Mrs. Naidich said Linda is teachable but needs indefinite tutoring to achieve concrete results.

Meanwhile, Romero reported "The Linda Downs Fund" has received more than \$800 since it was started in October. He said he is continuing the fund and hopes to reach a goal of \$5,000 so he can devote time to helping other Long Island children with similar problems. (From Long Island Daily Press, December 19, 1960.)

Survey

At a recent meeting, the Empire State Association of the Deaf formed a committee to make a survey among the schools, clubs, and associations to ascertain how many deaf children are emotionally disturbed or have other handicaps and who have been refused acceptance by the schools. The committee will also try to ascertain which schools will be able to install the facilities and provide trained personnel to care and educate the deviate children.

(Footnote: A list of over 100 donors with the amounts of their donations was received but lack of space prevents publication. We hope to print the list in a subsequent issue.—Ed.)

Anthology of Deaf Writers Published by Gallaudet College

A literary first—"The Silent Muse," *An Anthology of Prose and Poetry by the Deaf*—has recently been published under the auspices of the Gallaudet College Alumni Association. The 314-page *Anthology* is the result of pioneering efforts to collect in one volume representative short stories, essays, and poems of talented deaf writers. Spanning a period of 125 years—from 1835 to 1960—*The Silent Muse* contains a collection of 200 selected works by 97 different authors, a majority of whom attended Gallaudet College at various times.

The Silent Muse, an Anthology of Prose and Poetry by the Deaf, printed privately in Canada under the sponsorship of the Gallaudet College Alumni Association, 314 pp., can be purchased from the Gallaudet College Bookstore for three dollars a copy.

The Educational Front and Parents' Department

By W. T. Griffing, Editor

Hi! Here we are humming to the heavenly music of coffee percolating. It is very early in the morning. There is no sense in all this being spoiled by crescendo-falsetto snores. We do not in the least bit mind yours because our hearing aid has been in the blacksmith



W. T. GRIFFING

shop for the longest time. Our Smith-Corona decided its first resolution would be to go hay-wire in protest of our continued use of the Christopher Columbus system—first seek, then try to land. So, you'll have to forgive an old sinner as he

wanders around in a daze.

Been knighted "George" yet?

The machine we were given to use was of German make, an Erika. It was enough to make us laugh in Chinese, swear in Spanish, frown in French, frustrate in Italian, and despair in the three R's. Ken Norton came to our rescue with the loan of his machine, so here we are—where is that deadline???

Put that monthly dollar to work yet?

Santa was a real nice fellow. Our banker thinks so. Now, if the deadline will only edge up to this fellow who can squeeze 10 per cent from this turnip, to discuss our manly virtues, however few, and our eccentricities which are legion, what a wonderful world it would be!

Subscribed to The Worker yet?

Here is some good English for you. Three fellows were at the pearly gate for an interview with St. Peter. The first one told him he had died of cancer; the second one said his heart went out on him; and the third one commented that he had died of seen us trouble. Puzzled, St. Peter said, "Oh, you mean sinus trouble." To this the guy replied, "Naw! It was seen us trouble. I was out with another man's wife and he seen us."

Become a NAD worker yet?

Do you know what? We get so tired of those newspaper articles about schools scattered hither and yonder. It seems to be a mark of distinction and of finality to give out this statement: "This school does not teach the sign language!"

Those who give out such a statement should be ashamed. If they be true educators of the deaf, dedicated to the greatest good of the greatest possible number, they should know NO school for the deaf teaches the sign language to its pupils.

True, the pupils in our residential schools do use signs, all in their proper place and in due season. But signs are not a part of a school's program which is tailored to fit the individual as well as the group. This is the gospel!

What sends our blood pressure zooming into the stratosphere is the fact

"This school does not teach the sign language" seems to indicate that the person giving out the interview feels the statement makes his school a success; at the same time, it is a hearty or blanket condemnation of other schools. When a school must make such a silly remark, it is trying to build up in one area to discourage further questioning as to ultimate results. Good schools, special, residential, or other, do not lower themselves to such cheap publicity. They stand on the merits of their whole program without throwing up a smoke screen.

Our reaction to "We do not teach the sign language" is "You'd be better, probably, if you did!"

Told that Worker borrower off yet?

Truism: The biggest room of all is the one for improvement.

Keeping pace with pettigill yet?

To the question, "What do you expect for your child from the schools?" the most consistent reply, consistent enough to justify the assumption it is the wish, or thought, uppermost in the minds of a majority of parents, is that they expect the very best. Well and good. That is praiseworthy and, certainly, it can be done.

Now, if parents who expect the very best from the schools for their children will do some positive thinking in the opposite direction, they should be prepared to give their very best to the schools. Do they? This is open to debate. Some parents expect the school to become foster parents, teacher, leader, adviser, confessor, counselor, disciplinarian, diplomat, and general all-around man. To them a summer vacation means a vacation. The learning situation should be for 12 months, 18 hours a day if at all possible.

Some children come to school resigned to the fact that they have to be there. The spark of desire and enthusiasm is lacking. It should have been kindled at home. These children should come to school physically, mentally, and morally fit to undertake the long educational journey through the years. Reports coming in from all over the country on our American youth is that they are behind others. Again, this is open to debate.

But, parents have a right to expect the best from the schools, and the schools have the right to expect the best from the pupils and the parents.

Contacted Coats yet?

How can we get our pupils to read more? An excellent way is for all of the teachers to show them by example that reading is what carries them along from day to day. They can discuss books informally in the classroom, making recommendations for books that they know will appeal to the children. They can be book-conscious all the time. This is for the school.

At home? Well, the truth of the matter is that most parents do not read enough themselves to impress the children. There must be more of this

recreation in the home so the children will be influenced. The TV can enjoy a vacation. A daily reading period will be fine, provided it means just that. This will involve sacrifice and some inconvenience in the beginning, true, but it will be the spadework for a better mode of living with the art of communication which will be with a child as long as he lives and works.

Perhaps Johnny cannot read because he sees no sense in doing something others consider a waste of time. Think this over.

Salem, Oregon, June 25-30!

We could go on and on, like Tennyson's brook, but one resolution we have made is to be more stingy with our vowels and our consonants. We talk too much. We must do more. Even BBB is yelling for action instead of oratory. We want to serve you better. How can we do that if we talk you to sleep? We will try to work with you as 1961 unfolds from day to day. You can be more tolerant of us and our shortcomings so we will really have fun throughout the year. Busy making that bikini, with sequins, that we will wear at Miami. If this puzzles you, ha! ha! ha! Ye are the salt of the earth, and ye can be saltier if ye will sting some inactive souls into working for a better deaf world. Thank you for reading this far with

WTG.

Dr. John L. Salvner, Twin Cities Lutheran Minister, Passes

On November 21, 1960, Immanuel Lutheran Church in Minneapolis was filled with worshippers who had come to pay their final tribute to Dr. John L. Salvner, who by God's grace did outstanding work for the spiritual welfare of the deaf in America. Not only did he do it better than most, he did it longer—for 59 years.

Across the intersection from Immanuel Church stood the old frame building, now an apartment house, that had been Grace Lutheran Chapel for the Deaf. During his ministry this congregation was organized and this chapel-parsonage combination was built. Here he preached the Gospel in the sign language for the greater part of his ministry. And across town, down by the Mississippi on the St. Paul side, just off Marshall Avenue, stood the new building, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf. Here, too, the venerable doctor had ministered since its dedication in 1959.

Dr. Salvner came to the Twin Cities in 1901 after graduating from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri, to learn the signs and minister to the deaf in the area. Shortly after his arrival he became ill with tuberculosis and was given six months to live by his doctor. But he was a determined man, and by God's grace and his own preservance instead of six months he lived six decades. With such determination, prayer, and perservance he did his work and overcame many obstacles that would have downed lesser men.

In 1943, Dr. Salvner was appointed executive secretary of the Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod) Board of Missions to the Deaf. During his 18 years in this office the deaf mission doubled

in size, and he became a national figure in church and deaf circles. His alma mater, Concordia Seminary, honored him with a degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1944. And at the Synod convention in San Francisco in 1959 the Lutheran Friends of the Deaf awarded him the first John of Beverly Medal in recognition of his long and outstanding service to the deaf.

After his retirement from the executive position on the Board he continued to serve his Lord and the deaf at Prince of Peace Church as his strength permitted. He taught Bible Class each Sunday morning and preached about once a month. He also helped in visiting the sick and shut-ins, and on Thursday he taught some of the religious classes at the Minnesota School for the Deaf in Faribault.

On November 18, he went to Faribault as usual. After returning home he spent the evening with his daughter, Mrs. Ray Schweigert, at their home in Robbinsdale. He retired in good spirits and apparently in good health, but during the early hours of the next morning he suffered a stroke and was taken to North Memorial Hospital where he died at 2:00 a.m. November 19.

A cluster of three steel crosses will be erected on the bridgeway entrance to Prince of Peace Church, St. Paul, Minnesota, in memory of this faithful pastor and friend. Construction will begin as soon as the weather permits next spring.

THIS MONTH'S QUOTES FROM LEWISTON, IDAHO

Dedicated to the NAD and IAD!

"The way to happiness: Keep your heart free from hate, your mind free from worry. Live simply, expect little, do much. Fill your life with love, scatter sunshine, forget self, think of others, and do as you would be done by. Try it for a week. You will be surprised."

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Dallas Convention Nets NAD \$1,580.08

In closing out the business of the 1960 NAD convention, held in Dallas, Texas, July 2-9, Chairman Louis B. Orrill has submitted a financial statement showing a net balance of \$1,758.16, which was divided equally between the sponsoring Dallas Silent Club and the NAD, giving \$879.08 to each. The Dallas Committee also paid the NAD half the registration fees collected at the convention, which amounted to \$701.00 for the NAD, making a net total of \$1,580.08.

The Dallas convention ended among the most profitable of NAD conventions from a financial standpoint. In work accomplished, and in cooperative spirit, it is considered by many the top convention of them all.

The financial report follows:

Receipts

Boosters	\$ 751.10
Advertising	754.60
Carnival bazaar, etc.	118.26
Rodeo sales	286.08
Miscellaneous	5.68
Combination tickets	6,308.83
Registration	1,402.00
Sale of Texas charms	294.25
Sale of Gallaudet cards	25.00
 Total receipts	\$9,945.80

Expenditures

Stationery, postage, etc.	\$ 181.31
Advertising and publicity	200.23
Ranch party	2,335.75
Charms	300.00
Badges and ribbons	92.80
Program books	561.30
Refund on tickets	73.50
Reception	373.20
Committee expenses	486.92
Transportation, sightseeing	421.00
Banquet and dance	1,778.00
Photos	93.00
Gallaudet cards	25.00
NAD officers' expenses	564.63
Half of registration fees paid to NAD	701.00
 Total expenditures	\$8,187.64

Recapitulation

Total receipts	\$9,945.80
Total expenditures	8,187.64

*Balance \$1,758.16

*Balance divided equally between the Dallas Silent Club and the National Association of the Deaf.

Israel Honors Helen Keller

Helen Keller's birthday was celebrated last year on June 27 at the Jewish School for the Deaf at Tel Aviv, Israel, as she had raised the funds with which the school was built.

For many years Miss Keller has devoted her time to raising funds for publishing books for the blind in Braille. The Bible and many other of our best books have by this time been published in raised type so Miss Keller is now devoting most of her time to raising funds for aiding the deaf. Thus she responded to a call from the Jewish deaf and gave a large sum of money to erect and equip a fine large school for the Jewish deaf at Tel Aviv.

How the Assigned Risk Insurance Plan Works

The Assigned Risk Plan was started so as to provide a place to apply for auto insurance when no company will issue it of their own choice. The companies are assigned policies in accordance with the volume of auto business written in a given area. The more auto liability policies being written in an area, the more assigned risk policies they must accept.

They need not issue more than the minimum requirements of \$10,000/\$20,000 bodily injury and \$5000 property damage, and they never do! While in most instances they issue policies as the companies' normal charge, they have the right to surcharge in those instances which the company feels warrants same.

Many companies are writing policies on the "safe driver" basis. This means that for the careful driver discounts can be given. However, in the event of accidents or driving tickets, extra charges are made. In many instances, these are very high. Also, all policies under the Assigned Risk Plan must be paid for in cash. No installment payments can be made.

In order to get broader coverage of liability insurance, medical payments, uninsured motorist coverage, fire and theft comprehensive, and collision insurance, other means must be found. The deaf driver in most cases is ineligible. If this were not so, he would not be in the Assigned Risk Program to start with.

While you may elect to remain in a company for as long as three years, you do not have a choice of the company nor will you be able to make them keep you after the three-year period. You will once again have to make application to the Assigned Risk Plan for minimum coverage liability insurance.

The Assigned Risk Plan keeps no statistical records of individual situations, thus at present no experience record can be determined of the deaf drivers in this program. For many years, the Assigned Risk Program has cost the insurance companies much more in claims than actual premiums collected. This, too, has not helped the record of the deaf driver.

With the State of Pennsylvania now requiring physical examinations of all drivers, with the thought in mind of terminating licenses of all disabled persons, the question is raised as to how soon this might involve the deaf. We have recently received information that the State of Nebraska is now holding hearings in order to determine the advisability of terminating the driver's licenses of all the deaf in the state.

Once again, we say, deaf drivers should start pulling together for the welfare of the group. A slight variation in premium, long experience with a company, close relationship with an agent, should not stop you from buying full coverage from the Stuyvesant Insurance Company. In this way, the full facts can be acquired through statistical records which are being kept. This organization and its men want to be of help, so feel free to call on us. —Insurance Guidance Service of Penn.



Random Gottings

By **Bernard Teitelbaum**

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For years upon years our people have been in an uproar over discrimination in the matter of automobile insurance coverage. We have claimed without avail that our driving "record" approximates that of the average driver, if not surpassing it. We have demanded an end to all discrimination. We have tried to obtain standard insurance coverage.

Still—insurance companies have been rating us up, shunting us into assigned bases or refusing outright to grant us coverage.

Their decisions in the matter were formed around conference tables, backed by opinions of individuals, singly or jointly, but unsupported by facts. They might well have asked: What facts? Where are they? Where are the statistics relating to deaf drivers?

For years on end we have claimed that "the records" would show we were cautious drivers, as a whole—we were as safe drivers as the average man with normal hearing—if not safer. We have quoted motor vehicles officials who have declared that deaf drivers are safe and reliable. Other sundry officials have testified that deaf drivers meet with their approval. Still, insurance company officials were not interested. They were not interested, they were not awed or swayed by testimonials. They wanted cold facts—STATISTICS.

Close thinking on the matter forces us to the reluctant conclusion that nowhere are there readily accessible, reasonably reliable "records" on the driving habits of the deaf. Motor vehicles officials have never quoted specific figures from any statistics relating exclusively to deaf drivers. Their statistics on accidents cover ALL accidents reported to them as having occurred within their jurisdiction, and their commendations of deaf drivers are based upon the INFINITESIMALLY SMALL NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS REPORTED TO THEM ON DEAF DRIVERS OUT OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ACCIDENT REPORTS SENT IN. While commendable, these testimonials do not at all indicate the percentage of accident incidence among the deaf as a group.

Not only is there a lack of statistics in governmental quarters as to either the number of deaf drivers holding licenses to drive in any given state or the incidence of accidents among these. One state organization enjoying the privilege of passing on applications for driver's licenses from deaf people within their state before driver's licenses are issued reported they had no statistics on the number of deaf people applying for licenses after exercising their privilege for over 25 years!

We venture the surmise that not even the National Association of the

Deaf has specific figures on the number of deaf people driving cars in the United States—in any of the states, for that matter—or of the incidence of accidents among these. What the NAD does possess are convincing (to laymen but NOT to insurance executives) testimonials from responsible automobile officials.

Small wonder insurance companies reluctant to cover deaf motorists have been able to claim there are no available statistics on the deaf driver! No credit to them in their reluctance to study the subject!

All this will soon come to an end. Statistics on the deaf driver are currently accumulating at Insurance Guidance Service of Pennsylvania, Inc., of Philadelphia, whose Nathan Rubin was instrumental in interesting Stuyvesant Insurance Company to make a study of the subject by extending coverage to our people and keeping all statistics relating to them apart from their general statistics.

It is yet too early to draw any definite conclusions in the matter and to start shouting, "We knew it all along, didn't we?" This will take more than the six months the Stuyvesant Insurance Company has been extending regular coverage at the same rates with all standard clauses included and no discrimination on account of deafness.

There, however, is beginning to emerge a bright picture on the driving habits of the deaf. For the volume of business transactions with the deaf to date for Stuyvesant by the Insurance Guidance Service of Pennsylvania, Inc., which is the sole agent-for-the-deaf for Stuyvesant, there normally would be three or four accident claims filed by average hearing drivers.

The bright, shining spot in the picture is this: Mr. Rubin reports to date (of this writing) there have been NO claims filed by deaf people covered by Stuyvesant. This is an exceptionally good picture—the kind all insurance companies like since it spells PROFIT for them. And, the kind of picture that will attract them.

We must not be premature in our exultations. Stuyvesant is offering regular insurance coverage to deaf people—without prejudice by reason of deafness—for a trial period of about three years. And, the areas of coverage are presently limited to Pennsylvania, Maryland, District of Columbia, New Jersey, and Delaware.

It behooves us all to drive with prudent caution in order that our people elsewhere may enjoy the same benefits. If the present bright trend of low accident incidence among covered deaf drivers continues through the trial period, Stuyvesant will undoubtedly extend coverage to deaf drivers

throughout the United States.

And, mark our word, when that day arrives, other insurance companies that have frowned upon us will come around with arms outstretched soliciting our business. They will offer inducement to auto dealers to refer us to them. We will have become a choice group to deal with.

When that time comes, as it surely must, remember the forward-moving company that had the courage to initiate the experiment and accumulate the statistics to prove we are NOT bad risks—STUYVESANT, and its aggressive agent-to-the-deaf, Insurance Guidance Service of Pennsylvania, Inc., and Mr. Nathan Rubin.

Harry Belsky of Brooklyn has sent in an interesting clipping headlined "Nab 4 Deaf Mutes as Dope Pushers."

According to the article, a young narcotics squad detective in New York, George Bermudez, 27, learned the "hand sign language" and then patiently posed for three weeks in Harlem as a deaf mute to make a buy.

According to police, Bermudez was approached by Charles Isales, 27, who asked him in sign language if he wanted to buy some heroin.

In sign language, Bermudez answered affirmatively, adding "That's why I'm here." Isales bit, hook, line, and sinker.

Summoning another "deaf mute," Felix Ortiz, 22, Isales directed him to go to a nearby rooftop where the drug was secreted and bring it to his second floor apartment. They then set a third deaf man, Jose Rivera, 23, on the roof to act as lookout. The latter spotted two other narcotics agents who had followed them and through Ortiz sent a note to Bermudez in Isales' apartment warned him to "Be careful when you leave here; there are two cops across the street."

This alarm failed to deter Isales from selling Bermudez two packs of heroin.

Outside, the two waiting detectives arrested Rivera as he emerged from the building and then closed in to help Bermudez arrest the other two.

As the three detectives were taking their prisoners to the station house, there was an unexpected "dividend." A fourth mute, Albert Guzman, 20, asked Bermudez in sign language if he wished to buy some dope. He, too, was hauled in!

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QUESTIONS AND OPINIONS

on Parliamentary Procedure

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There is no more sure tie between friends than when they are united in their objects and wishes.—CICERO.

Q. Should a treasurer's report be itemized completely when submitted?
—New treasurer of a club.

A. In most organizations, only totals of receipts and disbursements is necessary for the assembly. It is the duty of an auditing committee to look into **every** item in detail when auditing. When the report of the auditing committee is read and adopted, it relieves the treasurer from responsibility for being correct.

Q. What constitutes a convention?—Miss R.

A. Members of the board of directors (ex-officio members of the convention) meeting with the delegates representing their locals constitute a convention. The board of directors acts **only** between conventions as specified in the by-laws.

Q. Should members keep their seats till the Chair declares the meeting adjourned?—Miss McD.

A. Yes, they should always wait until the closing ceremony is **completely** finished, and the Chair declares the meeting adjourned.

Q. Should a committee's report be signed by **all** members of the committee who concur in it?—Mrs. J.

A. Usually, yes, if it contains very important matters, but the chairman of the committee may sign alone, provided he is **authorized** by a vote of the committee.

Q. Supposing the only **two** candidates for the **same office** receive an equal number of votes, may they draw lots by agreement in case of a deadlock?—DMM.

A. Yes, unless there is an objection, in which case ballots must be cast again and again until one of the candidates receives a majority of votes cast.

Q. What are basic rules of debate?—New president of a club.—AMG.

A. Each member—may speak but once on a question, no more than ten minutes at a time.

—may speak twice if no other member cares to speak, or more often if the assembly votes permission.

—must avoid reference by name—just say, "the member who last spoke," etc.

—must avoid indulgence in personalities.

—must avoid insulting language.

—must stick to justice and courtesy to all.

Also, it is the duty of members to remember that:

1. No member is permitted to disturb another, or the assembly itself.

2. No member is permitted to stand up to interrupt others.

3. No member may pass **between** the presiding officer and a member, going across the assembly room.

Q. Supposing a motion is defeated, can this defeated motion be revived (renewed) at the next regular meeting?—CCA.

A. Yes, as if this motion has never been introduced before.

Q. What motions cannot be amended?—HWM.

A. Motions to: lay on the table, take from the table, reconsider, adjourn, close debate, close nominations, suspend the rules.

Q. Supposing an adjournment is for a period of **three** months or more, is it considered an adjournment *sine die* (without a date being set for the next session)?—GCR.

A. Yes. This adjournment terminates all unfinished business. Tabled matters also terminate. If any matter is to be considered again, it must be brought up as new business at the next session.

Q. Supposing for some reason an error is found in some old minutes, say **four** or **five** months old, can it be corrected?

A. No.

Q. What is an agenda?—Miss C.

A. It is the items on the program for the next meeting, or it means the order of business, the roster of matters to be brought up, discussed, and voted upon.

Q. I understand that your parliamentary column is based on Robert's Rules of Order, but my state association's by-laws is based on Cushing's Manual of Parliamentary Practice. What is the difference?—President of state association.

A. Both are practically the same in rules of procedure and debate, especially for deliberative assemblies. But Robert's differs from Cushing's in principle points applicable to state legislatures, i.e., the several different stages or readings of a bill, conferences, and amendments between two branches. The rules of congresses and state legislatures are the same as the charters of nations, which are really concessions for the protection of the minorities. Robert's Rules of Order is more popular than Cushing's among ordinary deliberative assemblies such as political, literary, scientific, benevolent,

religious, or the like. Supposing your organization is governed by Robert's Rules of Order for its meetings, you cannot raise a point of order on Cushing's or any other parliamentary authorities, or vice versa.

"A beginner does not know the simple things, and needs them most. If the student has once fixed in his mind the idea that parliamentary law is **not** a series of arbitrary rules—but a plain, consistent system, founded on common sense, and sanctioned by the experience of mankind—he will have gone far toward understanding."—Thomas B. Reed.

True or False

(Read the correct answers on page 20)

T F 1. A member may change his vote from affirmative or negative to affirmative **before** the Chair announces the results of the vote.

T F 2. If there is no special provision in the rules for a quorum for the legal transaction of business, a majority of the **entire** membership of an organization is necessary to constitute a quorum.

T F 3. **No** member may vote on a question involving himself, personally or indirectly.

T F 4. The Chair has the right to ignore a point of order on Cushing's Manual of Parliamentary Practice or any other authorities as long as the by-laws say "Robert's Rules of Order" governs the meetings of his organization.

T F 5. A member may debate questions but **not** motives or personalities.

T F 6. A member should **always** avoid any other member's name when referring to him in debate.

T F 7. A member may vote against a motion he has submitted to the assembly.

T F 8. A chapter, division, or local of a national organization has the right to make by-laws.

T F 9. A law providing for an election by ballot can be suspended by **unanimous consent**.

T F 10. A member seconding a motion should be asked to give his reason for seconding the motion.

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Woman Talk

By EDNA H. BAYNES

December 26, 1960

Dear Santa,

This may confuse you a bit since it is customary for people to write you before—not after Christmas. The reason I am reversing the procedure is because I simply must thank you for the lovely heap of Christmas mail you brought me. You are a marvelous old gentleman to cover such large territory and bring me just what I wanted.

*It wouldn't seem like Christmas
If we didn't get in touch
And wish the season's greetings
To those who mean so much!*

I know you zoom from house to house so fast you couldn't possibly take the time to read any of the cards and notes, the way some postmen do, so I'll go through them again for you—shall I?

This one, from Ted and Wendy Griffing, is my favorite. Notice the mixed expression of love and exasperation on Wendy's face as she gazes at Ted from where she stands by the television. He sits dozing with his feet on a stool. One pinching shoe is off. The television commercials: **'A Merry Christmas Produced by Ted and Company, Inc. Inspired by: Folks Like You.'** There's just one thing wrong with the picture, Santa. Ted's chair back is too low for his nodding head. This worried me, so I hastily consulted with George Dewey Coats, who has the answers to everything. I suggested taking up a collection to buy Ted a comfortable, high-backed chair that would support his weary head. GDC, man-like, evaded the issue. (He must have given all his money to the NAD.) He did come up with his classic statement which should go down in history as an example of **TRUTH** at its best: 'Ted's card tells why he is afflicted with the deadline-itis.'

Most of the messages on these cards are purely complimentary. I am frankly pleased and delighted that my friends enjoy *Woman Talk*. It wouldn't be fun to write if nobody read it.

My friend Esther Forsman Cohen in Verona, New Jersey, says, "There's always room for your little poems for idiots like me! Keep it up." I ask you, Santa, isn't that a doubtful compliment? But she made up for it by enclosing this one for me:

*"Time goes so fast
Life asks so much
No wonder friends
Get out of touch
But in our hearts
Deep, true, unseen
Friendship stays
Forever green!"*

Here's a card, note and package from

Little Old New York's Benny Friedwald. He's off for Denver, Colorado, to test the truth of the statement that Denver has 300 sunny days per year. He sent us a tie with an overall design of hands for our hobby collection and suggests that we make a mock shirt front of cardboard to display it on, use it as a bookmark, or strangle our worst friend! (Step forth to be counted, Worst Friend, whoever you are.)

Down New Orleans way, friend Henry J. Soland lets us know that integration isn't upsetting him in the least.

Helen and August Wriede in Baltimore, Maryland, are looking forward to the NAD convention in Miami in 1962 and are hoping we can get together there.

Frances and Ralph White in Austin, Texas, are berating us for not letting them know we would be in Dallas last summer. Shucks! we thought everybody would attend the NAD gathering.

Mary Jim and Bob Werdig from way down south in Winter Haven, Florida, are still busy repairing their house after Hurricane Donna tore it up.

Bernice and Alya Reneau in Daly City, California, look contented and happy in the snapshot they sent us.

Dear "Ole Tee" (Miss Alice Tee-garden) sends her card from Rye, New York, where she is visiting a critically ill friend. Tee says she is again, at Christmas, favoring us with some of her genuine Cape Cod cranberries. M—m—m.

Old classmates Alma and Eugene Hawkins of St. Louis, Missouri, are plagued by illness. We are sorry.

Another old classmate, Clarence Morgan of Merriam, Kansas, whom we haven't seen since our graduation from the Missouri School for the Deaf 41 years ago, writes with pride of his family. How I would love to see him!

Anita and Taras Denis, also of New York, passed close to Talladega last summer but didn't come by to see us. That's going to take some explaining!

Janie and Clarence Baldwin in New Haven, Connecticut, are enjoying their new movie camera and have some pictures to show us of the Gallaudet reunion.

LaReine and Wesley Lauritsen in Faribault, Minnesota, always sends us such a warm, friendly greeting—almost as good as a handclasp across the miles.

Esther Paulsen Deer in Vancouver, Washington, mailed us a delightful, cleverly wrapped gift. The package is a box made to resemble a Negro mammy's head. There's a red bandana of tissue around it. The black face has white cutouts for eyes, nose, and mouth. Two hands, placed over the ears, give the impression that Mammy is hurried and harried!

You want to watch our friend, Ethel Mason Giett in West Hartford, Con-

necticut, Santa. She could easily do you out of a job. Every year she mails us a huge package just chock full of "prizents." That's a word my six-year-old grandson, Larry, coined from the two words surprise and present.

Rozelle McCall in Baltimore, Maryland, is planning a big fund-raising event for the NAD in January.

Pearl and Oliver Steinhause in University City, Missouri, eagerly anticipate a lively time with their three grandchildren in Evanston, Illinois, during the holidays.

Sonia and Inzer Shubert in Belle Glade, Florida, are happy over a new baby daughter. Inzer lets us know that he approves of our son, Ronald Lawrence, accepting a football scholarship at Auburn University in the fall.

Ruth Horn of Cantonment, Florida, now of Chicago, comments on its gray drabness and the wind there.

Mary and Nathan Zimble are full of explanations and excuses for not traveling the 400 miles from Little Rock last summer to see us. We forgive them though because they had just so many days to spare.

Sydney and Armand Courrege write of plans to spend the holidays with Armand's folks in Houston, Texas.

Helen Moss Wallace in San Francisco, California, is planning on attending the teachers' convention in Salem, Oregon, next summer. We just might see her there.

Betty and Larry Newman would like to have us wearing a halo, but we fear it might slip.

Margaret and Nick Braunagel are raising flowers in Round O, South Carolina. All their flowers are given to them by friends and are called by the giver's name. We're quite puffed up to be invited to grow in their garden!

Marie and Howard Hofsteater stopped in Birmingham long enough, on their way to Florida to say hello to old friends. We hate it that we missed them due to a change in their schedule.

Fern Foltz writes from Wichita, Kansas, that Christmas preparations have her with her tongue hanging out. She's been enjoying a new air conditioned Pontiac since September. I didn't know, Santa, that you have your favorites and visit them early.

Doris and Florian Caligiuri in La-Mirada, California, remark that they, too, are off the gold standard—thanks to their three teen-age girls.

Mrs. Orpah Jones tells us she can walk very well now. You know she spent some months in a hospital in Morganton, North Carolina, with a broken leg. She's proud to be a member of the Century Club which she joined in memory of her husband, the late Charles E. Jones.

Belle and Henry Peters half-way promised us a visit when they attend Mardi Gras in New Orleans.

Helen and Joe Miller in Newport, Kentucky, are all wrapped up in their children and grandchildren.

Mary and Robert Sanderson in Ogden, Utah, are new friends made at the convention in Dallas. Robert says he hopes he can justify everyone's faith in appointing him to the NAD Ways and Means Committee to fill the vacancy created by Dave Wilson's re-

signation. We all know he can.

I know you need to tie up all the loose ends of your Christmas delivering, Santa, so I won't write any more about my Christmas mail, but you get the idea—I loved it!

And, Santa, I realize it's sneaky of me to put in a request this early for next Christmas, but I can't risk waiting so long because my need is urgent. Could you please bring me some sense? I don't mean anything fancy—just good old common sense will do. The other day the thermometer stood at nine degrees. In Alabama that is the equivalent of thirty below in other places. Son, Ronald, has a Christmas job clerking in a drugstore downtown. At five minutes of time to report for work, he decided it was just too cold to walk, and parking downtown during the Christmas season is out of the question. So he warmed up daughter Connie's packet-sized Corvair, which he had borrowed the night before and then told me I was elected to drive him to work since no one else in the family was up. Actually, I knew better, but when God gave out brains I thought He said trains and I missed mine. I climbed in beside Ronnie wearing pajamas and a robe with the curling hardware still in my hair. We drew up at the drugstore where he got out. I decided to go back home by way of a narrow alley so as not to attract attention. Just as I drove by the entrance to an empty lot used by working people for private parking, a woman drove up in front of me and motioned that she wanted in the lot. Being an obliging soul, I tried to back up for her. That Corvair lacked gumption, and I lacked the know-how. The motor quit. There followed a busy interval of trying to start her again, and that woman driver got an upside-down horseshoe mouth, but that little Corvair was cold and she wasn't starting. An old Negro man walking by very obligingly went to a nearby filling station and sent a young attendant to my aid. He decided the Corvair was empty and brought a gallon of gas. Then he diligently applied himself to starting the motor. I could just feel the battery going down, but the motor finally caught and started. I thanked the attendant and in my best oral class speech making, I promised to return later to pay for the gas. As he hurried off, I started home again but only got a few feet away when another car came from around the corner. The driver of this one, too, wanted in that parking lot and couldn't go around me. I couldn't back up because several cars were behind me. That blasted motor quit on me again, and my efforts to start it used up the rest of the battery. Again someone went for the station attendant. He drove me home. I had to make a furtive dash from my car to his. I tried so hard to act nonchalant but didn't succeed. You know, Santa, there was a cover on a recent *Saturday Evening Post* showing a young woman, dressed much as I was. She had evidently just put her commuting husband on the train and then discovered that her car had a flat tire. I laughed heartily and long at that cover picture, Santa, but I know now it isn't funny—at least not yet.

If you decide on a long leisurely return trip home, could you drop in on my atomic powered friend, Don G. Pettingill, and see if he's mad at me for borrowing some of his words of wisdom for my NAD advertising.

Please don't forget my request. Maybe BBB will let you be a honorary member of the NAD.

Be seeing you,
Edna H. Baynes

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Captioned Films for the Deaf

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A 30-page report on "A Conference on the Utilization of Captioned Films for the Deaf" held in New York City, June 8-10, 1960, has recently been released by the United States Office of Education. Deaf participants who contributed to this meeting by their presence and advice included Dr. Byron B. Burnes, Mr. Max Friedman, Dr. Marcus L. Kenner, Mr. J. Pierre Rakow, and Dr. Boyce Williams.

Too long, and possibly too dry, to report here in detail, the conference summary includes some recommendations, a few of which may be of general interest. Among these are the following:

"The Office of Education collection of captioned films should serve the needs of all deaf persons. The collection should include the best of all types of films. No types should be excluded."

"Provisions should be made for evaluation of captioned films in the collection, by those who use them, as a guide for future selections."

"The films selected during the early stages of the program should be of wide general interest to serve all groups of deaf persons."

In offering suggestions as to relative priorities in the allocation of funds, the conference recommended that approximately 60 per cent of expenditures might go to secure and service films having primarily adult appeal and 40 per cent might be devoted to subjects of special interest to schools. Actually, the program has not come anywhere near these proportions as yet. Fiscal 1961 which ends next June will see about 97 per cent of the funds spent on movies of general interest with a slight leaning to adult pictures. The remaining 3 per cent will secure a handful of educational subjects.

Anyone who is interested in a copy of the complete conference report mentioned above can have it for free by writing to Captioned Films, U. S. Office of Education, Washington 25, D. C.

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One of the great names in movie production over the years is that of David O. Selznick. It was Selznick who first "discovered" Ingrid Bergman while listening to some music on a Swedish film. Although Miss Bergman's personal life has brought her much criticism, she has had world-wide acclaim for her remarkable acting ability.

If negotiations now under way are completed, approximately 10 of Selznick's better pictures will become available for captioning. One of the problems is that scripts are missing, and without these, captioning becomes too

costly in both time and money. Among the titles which appear in this group of films are "Adventures of Tom Sawyer," "Intermezzo," and "The Farmer's Daughter." Release of these pictures with captions is possible six months in the future.

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Add statistics on captioned film showings mentioned here last month. From late April through December, 1960, a total of 259 showings brought captioned films to 28,076 deaf people. Of these, 17,960 were in schools and 10,116 were members of adult groups. School groups, of course, are larger and can have more frequent showings than most adult groups. Breaking down the audiences geographically shows the following distribution: East, 8809; South, 5459; Middle and Northern States, 6748; and West, 7060.

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One of the hold-ups in film captioning has been the need of editing equipment in the Washington office. This is a small projector with counting equipment that lets one locate captions on the film simply by reading figures from a little contraption that looks like a car speedometer. When delivery was finally made in late December, behold, the counter was not right and had to be sent back to the factory. More delays! More disappointments!

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What is the greatest of all subjects for a movie? The Bible! Cecil B. DeMille's "Ten Commandments" grossed \$2,200,000 in 1960 and is the greatest money-maker of all with a total gross thus far of \$34,200,000. David O. Selznick's "Gone With the Wind" grossed \$33,500,000. "Ben-Hur," based on a Biblical background, has just completed its first year with a gross of \$17,000,000 and may outstrip both "Commandments" and "Wind." Naturally, the greatness of a movie is not merely a matter of how much money it earns. Gross income merely indicates popularity. But the box-office vote is the one to which producers pay most attention.

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Malcolm "Mac" Norwood, who joined the Captioned Film staff last month, is hot on the trail of a print of the 1959 World Series for captioning. A film of this kind is in such great demand and so tied up with restrictions to prevent pirates (not the Pittsburgh variety) from stealing it that it may not be available. If not, other sports subjects will be sought. Army and Navy football games might be likely substitutes.



Humor Among the Deaf

By Toivo Lindholm

4816 Beatty Drive, Riverside, California

The Deaf in Fiction

"The deaf are celebrated in fiction. The most famous instances that come to mind depict deaf-mute characters who are endowed with a high degree of intelligence by the authors:

"Hugo: Quasimodo in *Notre Dame*.

"Turgenev: *Mumu*.

"Anatole France: *The Man Who Married a Dumb Wife*.

"De Musset: *Pierre and Camille*.

"De Maupassant: *The Deaf-Mute*.

"Wallace: *The Prince of India*.

"There are, of course, others. Can any of our readers add to the above list?"

I found a clipping in one of my books containing the above piece. I do not recall how it got there, nor do I recall its source. The back part suggests that it came from one of the school papers. Still SW readers are welcome to its perusal. And I echo the last sentence "Can any of you add to the above list?"

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An Embarrassing Moment

From Mrs. Isabel Lester comes the following:

My work often took me to the County Clerk's office to copy probates, foreclosures of mortgages, etc. One day my typewriter was put in a small room used by the County Grand Jury when in session.

I was hard at work, seated with back to door, when I sensed someone near. Turning, I found members of the jury filing in. I gathered up my papers, got out of the room, and had one of the clerks go after my machine.

He told me one of the men said: "Oh, let Miss MacDonald stay; she can't hear us." But the foreman did not see it that way.

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"And The Sting of His Tongue Was Loosed"

The Rev. E. J. Meier, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, a Biblical authority, has discovered in a Bible of 1746, a misprint which elevates it to the ranks of Biblical rarities. The misprint occurs in Mark 7:37, in the story of the healing of the deaf-mute, reading "and the

TEXAS ASSOCIATION OFFICERS:

Our batting average was .200 in photo identification in the December story about the Texas Association of the Deaf. President Rudolph D. Gamblin has no grounds for complaint, but we apologize to the other four Texas gentlemen whose cuts got mixed up. From left to right: Seth Crockett, first vice president; W. S. Smith, second vice president; Cary C. Shaw, secretary; and Berndt Blomdahl, treasurer.

sting of his tongue was loosed," instead of "the string."

The Rev. Mr. Meier did not know that the printer had accidentally suggested that the deaf-mute was a sarcastic man, for 28 of the 30 years that the Bible has been in his possession, as the print of the "sting Bible" is too fine to be read with comfort. Upon making his discovery he wrote to several Biblical societies to see if any such misprint had been discovered elsewhere, but the search for another Bible printed by Thomas Baskett in 1746 has been unsuccessful in more than 1000 libraries. Bibles from the same printer dated 1743 and 1748, in the possession of the New York public library, do not contain the misprint, which has raised the value of the Rev. Mr. Meier's Bible from \$2.00 to \$15,000.—Living Church.

—Rev. Homer E. Grace, Minnesota Companion (1940)

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Writes Allan F. Bubeck, Jr.:

This funnybone tickler seems familiar to me. This funny quote is from a local paper column:

"Most tobacco users are like the man who learned from his doctor that he must quit tobacco or lose his hearing. The man said, 'Well, Doc, I like what I am chewing so much better than what I am hearing. I think I will just go along with my tobacco.'"

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Mrs. George Clementson, Chester, West Virginia, sent this in:

Fidel Castro, his brother Raul, and "Che" Guevara, the economic czar, arrived at the gates of Heaven. St. Peter looked them over and said, "Those of you who have done bad things on earth step forward and prepare for the trip to purgatory."

Raul and Che stepped forward.

"Come along," St. Peter said, "and don't leave that deaf man behind."

—New York Times Magazine

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Another tid-bit from Mrs. Lester:

My husband, stamp collector, had corresponded with another philatelist in New York for 20 years. Then there was to be an international convention in Los Angeles, and this man wrote that he would be there and would expect to find Walter with the Berkeley group. Walter went to the conven-



tion, met the man, was warmly greeted, and as usual offered pencil and pad. The man looked at him, took the pad and pencil and wrote: "Here I've been writing to you for 20 years and looking forward to meeting and talking to you, and now I must just keep on writing." Which he did, and nevertheless they had a wonderful time.

(Of passing interest—members of the American Philatelic Society are given a number as they become members. Numbers are never duplicated. There have been around 42,000 members now, and Walter's number is 2179 so you see he has been a member a long time. He has corresponded with people whom he never met. One was a Carmelite nun. Another is a lady in Wisconsin who calls him "Grandpa.")

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This comes from Co-Publisher Raymond Carter of the Florida "West Coast News" for the deaf, with a notation that he had it from a neighboring deaf fellow. We present it as a sample of misunderstanding and embarrassment the average deaf are prone to when it comes to certain expressions—colloquial and trade terminology, and idioms.

I'll never forget my first visit with my sister in Long Beach when I was a teenager.

A couple of friends of hers came down from Maryland with a police dog. They asked her if she would keep it for them as it was not allowed in their apartment, so she did.

One day a little girl next door came to me, crying, because the dog had killed her rabbit. I felt sorry for her and told her not to worry and that I would get another rabbit for her.

At the pet shop there were many rabbits for sale. I asked, "How much?" The proprietor said, "Seventy-five cents a pound." I thought that was not bad.

He asked me if I wanted it cleaned. I asked him if he would charge for that, too. He said, "No charge." "Okay," I said.

Then I was startled when he pulled the rabbit's head off and began to cut it up.

I said, "Oh, no! Why . . . I thought you were going to give it a bath."

He laughed and let me have another rabbit alive, not in meat.

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A little boy in a day school once wrote that his "brother rode home on a furlough." Teacher studied the line for a moment and asked the boy what furlough meant. The boy said a mule. Teacher said furlough was not a mule. The boy said it was and to support his assertion produced a picture postcard showing a soldier on the back of a mule and a line printed underneath: "Going home on a furlough."

—Ralph W. Farrar (1940)





Swinging round the nation

Geraldine Fail

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Harriett B. Votaw

Fred Gustafson and his mother spent a weekend visiting with his younger sister, Catherine, and her family in Denver October 22 and 23. While there, he attended Sunday morning services rendered by Rev. H. E. Grace in St. Mark's Episcopal Church. It was his first visit to the chapel in six years as he used to go there regularly on Sunday mornings when he spent every weekend with his mother in Denver until she moved to Colorado Springs six years ago to live with him. Fred marveled at the changes made in the chapel after a fire did some damage a few years ago.

From the Mission Visitor edited by Rev. H. E. Grace:

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Janovick of Englewood, Colorado, are still visiting their granddaughter and family at Osseo, Minnesota, for several months. Mr. Janovick continues his fishing at a nearby lake. Dr. Grace met them at St. Mary's Church services in St. Paul October 16 while he was still on his missionary trip through Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, and South Dakota for 10 days in October.

Dr. Grace attended the homecoming football game between the Minnesota School and the Wisconsin School at Faribault on October 15, and he met many of his friends from Minnesota and Iowa. He flew back to Denver from Sioux Falls, South Dakota, in a heavy fog, and he was met at the airport by Mrs. Grace and Rev. Shattuck. Then they drove to Cheyenne, Wyoming, where they spoke to the St. Catherine Ladies' Guild in St. Mark's Church. Rev. Grace gave his talk on the church work among the deaf which was enjoyed by everyone present. Mrs. Grace signed "Lead Kindly Light."

Alumni and friends of the Colorado School would like to know that Mrs. Belle Stewart, former teacher of the Colorado School for many years, is back in Colorado Springs for good. She lives by Miss McCain's apartment on 515 North Nevada Avenue. She taught in the Indiana School for the Deaf last year, and it was reported by Miss McCain that Mrs. Stewart was always homesick for colorful Colorado and its wonderful climate. Before she taught in the Indiana School, she lived with her daughter and her family, the Stanley Wedbergs, in Storrs, Connecticut, for three years. It is reported that Miss Augusta Hasser, former teacher and supervising teacher in the CSDB deaf primary department, is still teaching in the Indiana School.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jenkins of California stopped in to see the Herbert Votaws one Sunday last fall. Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins had been visiting with their daughter and her family in Aurora and were looking for some deaf persons. We later learned they had the pleasure of meeting the sewing group of All Souls Guild, composed of Mrs. Elsie Tuskey, Mrs. Helga Frazer, Mrs. Frances Bundy, Mrs. Iona Simpson, and others.

The annual softball banquet of the Silent Athletic Club of Denver was held in early November at the Little Banquet in the Westminster Plaza Shopping Center. William Frazer, softball manager, was chairman of the event. Jerome Aregi, second baseman, and Jimmy McFarland, centerfielder, took all-star honors in the MAAD softball tournament in Minneapolis. Individual trophies were awarded by the SAC to the following: Jerome Aregi, Bernardo Salazar, and John Salazar. These trophies were based on attendance, performance, and cooperation. William Frazer was awarded the fielding trophy by Coach Fred Schmidt. Bill had an average of .955. The most valuable player trophy went to Jerome Aregi.

The Bethel Deaf Lutherans sponsored a turkey dinner at Mt. Cavalry Church in Denver on November 12. The All Souls Guild of Denver held their annual bazaar and turkey dinner in St. Mark's Parish Hall on November 19.

Mrs. Ada Quinn and Mrs. Alice Palazzi, (the Studt sisters) of Rifle, Colorado, were in Denver over the weekend of November 19. They attended the All Souls Guild bazaar and were overnight guests of the T. Y. Northerns.

Mrs. Elsie Tuskey, Mrs. Margaret Herbold, Vernon Barnett, and Merlin Noteboom were weekend guests at the home of the Conrad Urbachs in Fort Morgan in November. James Tuskey stayed at home in Denver nursing some fractured ribs sustained in a fall from a ladder. The Herbert Votaws were dinner guests on November 6, and after dinner Conrad took the visitors to the Great Western Sugar Co. to see sugar-making from beets. Mr. Urbach retired from Great Western several years ago after 41 years of service.

Here's some belated news which will be of interest: Nancy Buckmaster (Mrs. John) of Colorado Springs flew to Washington, D. C., last August to attend the Gallaudet College reunion and the national alumnae of the Delta Epsilon conclave. Nancy was chosen national alumnae vice president of Delta Epsilon for the next three years. While in Washington Nancy stayed with the Jerkeer Anderssons, Carmen Tiberios, and Robert Bateses.

FLORIDA . . .

The Tampa Club of the Deaf has installed the following officers for 1961: Ray H. Carter, president; O. C. Daugherty, vice president; Ed M. Bowman, secretary; Louella Bowman, treasurer; and Albert Messa, Jr., sergeant-at-arms. The 1960 Christmas party proved so successful that plans are already being made for the 1961 event with Ed M. Bowman at the helm.

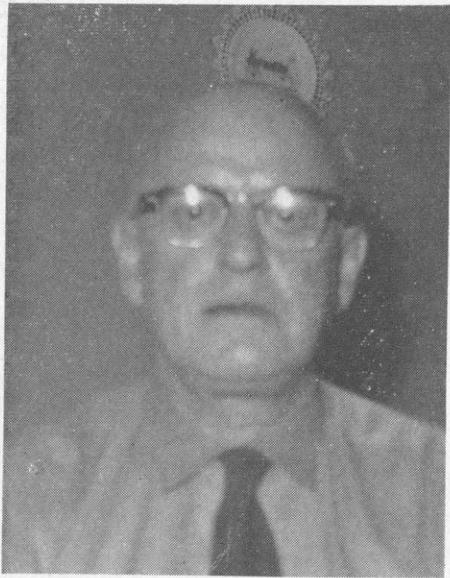
Several from Tampa attended the successful New Year's party staged by the Miami Association of the Deaf. Miami is hard at work raising funds

COLORADO . . .

A carefully planned testimonial dinner was held December 4, 1960, in honor of Charles Avery and the officers and board members of the Silent Athletic Club of Denver, at the Lotus Room. The committee composed of Barbara Anderson, chairman, Dick Anderson, Bill and Elsie Reynolds, and Sandra Klein planned this dinner to thank Mr. Avery and the officers, President Ronald Greb, Vice President Rea Hinrichs, Secretary Harriett Votaw, Treasurer Richard O'Toole, and Board Members Messrs. Don Warnick, Fred Schmidt, Charles Billings, William Fraser, and Fred Fedrid, for procuring the building at 1545 Julian Street (Denver) for the members of the SAC. The dinner was a complete surprise to all those honored, and their spouses are to be thanked for carefully maneuvering them to the Lotus Room. Mr. Avery is personnel manager of Shwayder Bros. Co., manufacturers of Samsonite Luggage, and is a great friend of the deaf. There are now about 60 deaf workers at Shwayders.

Mr. and Mrs. Voya Rajkovich, formerly of Yugoslavia and more recently Sweden, celebrated their first anniversary in the United States sometime in November. The Rajkovichs and their two daughters moved to Denver from New York City in September, and both have secured employment and have made many friends.

Jacques Amiel, long a resident of Denver but a native of France, passed away on Thanksgiving Day, November 24, in St. Petersburg, Florida, at the home of his brother. Mr. Amiel had been in ill health for some time, and after several months' stay in Florida he returned to Denver on October 28 only to become ill with pneumonia shortly afterwards. After a stay in the hospital and after his discharge, he was put on a plane for Florida where he was to stay with his brother. His death came to us as somewhat of a shock. Mr. Amiel had made frequent trips to Europe and was well known all over the United States and Europe.



Jacques Amiel passed away on November 24, 1960, in St. Petersburg, Florida. Born in France, but long a resident of Denver, Colorado, Mr. Amiel had been in ill health for some time. He had made frequent trips to Europe and was widely known there and in the United States.

for the 1962 convention of the NAD, and Ralph Sasser is doing a fine job.

Leaving Knoxville, Tenn., on December 27, Mr. and Mrs. Roy H. Holcomb of the Tennessee School for the Deaf spent ten days touring Florida and the Bahamas, visiting friends throughout the state.

Julia Willis, formerly of Tampa but now of St. Louis, spent her two-week vacation on the West Coast recently.

Quite a few Floridians are planning the trek to Little Rock for the national basketball tournament the last of March and the first of April.

The K. A. Kalals of Lakeland entertained Laurence and Beulah Randall of the Tennessee School for the Deaf at a Christmas party on the evening of December 26. About fifteen enjoyed the affair.

On December 18 a party of 33 West Coast deaf residents visited Weeki Wachee Springs, famed water resort, and saw a beautiful underwater show.

Richard Dawes, a 1957 graduate of the Florida School, is now studying electrical engineering at the University of Florida. He did preliminary work at Jacksonville University.

Mrs. Nora Lawrence of Tallahassee is presently employed in the secretary of state office there.

Mr. and Mrs. James Naylor of Miami stopped in St. Petersburg and Tampa on their way home from Ohio recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Carbonell of Key West are the parents of a son, Jeff, born last October 12. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henderson of Tampa also welcomed a boy on November 12.

CALIFORNIA . . .

Today is December 20, and with everybody around with last minute preparations for the holidays, news is

so scarce as to be practically nonexistent. However, let us think a moment and see what we recall of recent doings amongst our friends. Things are pretty hectic here at 815 with folks all over the place from hither and yon; Son Johnny leaves Christmas Day for another six-week stint at Ocean Station November but will be home for good in February; Husband John has tied up his boat for the holidays and has been underfoot for days which but adds to the confusion as any wife knows, and we are so pressed for time that the California column will have to get by with a lick and a promise this time.

Looking through our Christmas cards and the various little notes tucked inside, we discover that the two children of Leo and Dot Jacobs of Oakland are growing up, and their photograph this year leads us to opine that they are regular little beauties; Helen Ciancimino of San Francisco is back home again after weeks spent back east and tells us that Al has been suffering with bursitis lately; we expect the Frank Sladeks and children home to Long Beach from Tucson for Christmas and the Thomas Smiths of Reno, Nevada, were in town a few days ago; Mr. and Mrs. John Branhams of Wichita Falls, Texas, are out here for awhile with their daughter in nearby La Habra; the Marvin Thompsons surprised us with a visit, coming up from El Cajon the past weekend; visiting the Long Beach Club have been Swen M. Nielson of Hartford, Connecticut, Shirley and Benjamin Bunis of Brooklyn, Mrs. Julian MacMullen of Detroit, Irene Gibson of San Mateo, California, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Haefner of Blaine, Kansas, and Lawrence Paxton of Modesto, California.

Ed and Donna Stedham (Donna is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virl Massey of Lakewood) wrote us the gladsome news that they are parents of a little daughter, their very first child. Baby has been named Susanna Kay and was born December 7; the Eimer York family of Fowler wrote they're well and thriving; Marvin Thompson of El Cajon has recovered very well from recent major surgery and tells us that Ivo Johnson and husband Charles, also of El Cajon, are recuperating from recent sojourns in the hospital also; Dr. and Mrs. B. B. Burnes entertained the usual crowd at their Oakland home on Thanksgiving, and Willa Dudley of Santa Monica spent her 11th Thanksgiving with BBB and Caroline; the Robert Matthews family of Garden Grove entertained Sigmund Epstein and his new bride, the former Marian Babin of Louisiana. "Siggy," a New Yorker, and Marian are making their home up in Oakland where he has landed a job on the Oakland Tribune. Mrs. Matthews, nee Iva Rae Furlow, and Marian were classmates when they attended the Louisiana School.

Bill Lucas, erstwhile resident of Austin, Texas, is now living in Pomona, California and doing very well. The Los Angeles area abounds with former residents of Texas and Oklahoma, and all of them extend Bill a hearty welcome to California.

Celebrating their 51 years of married life, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Dorlan of Mobile, Alabama, spent five weeks in Seattle, Washington, with their daughter and then came down to Los Angeles to visit Mr. and Mrs. Clark for a few days before taking a jet back home to Mobile. They found time to visit Long Beach during their stay, and we were happy to make their acquaintance. The trip was made possible by the Dorlans' many friends in Mobile who generously contributed towards an anniversary gift which the Dorlans used to purchase plane tickets for their trip. Both are in their seventies and found the comfort and convenience of jet plane travel wonderful beyond description.

Amongst the pile of Christmas mail was a letter from faraway Lausanne, Switzerland. Gerald d'Epagner, a young deaf man living in Lausanne, writes that he would like to correspond with some young woman of his own age, which is about 20, and expresses a preference for Orientals living in the U. S. Gerald writes in both French and English, and his address is Av de Norges F, Lausanne, Switzerland.

CAD News: The CAD Educational Committee met in Berkeley December 17, with Speaker of the Assembly Carlos Bee, Senator Stiern, and Dr. Francis Doyle attending. Plans were drafted for the drive to obtain a third California School which, it is hoped, will provide teaching facilities for multiple handicapped and mentally retarded deaf children. The Educational Committee has presented papers to community groups and has had representatives speak before Rotarians, Lions, and other organizations, and the committee has also been developing contacts with various members of the California state legislature. Present members of the committee are Mrs. Barbara Babbini for the San Fernando Valley, Mrs. Marvin Thompson for the San Diego area, and Mrs. Loel Schreiber for the Los Angeles area. Similar representation on the committee for Northern California is being sought.

If you have had your auto insurance cancelled or have had any other difficulty getting insurance, the CAD has made arrangements with the California Casualty Co. of San Francisco for auto insurance for its members. Toivo Lindholm, 4816 Beatty Drive, Riverside, is the man to contact for this coverage. But remember that this insurance is for CAD members in good standing only.

President Schreiber of the CAD has met with the leaders of the deaf community in San Jose, and mutually-acceptable plans for the 1962 Convention have been drafted. San Jose is determined to surpass the phenomenal success achieved by San Diego in September, 1960, when 780 registered.

The last item of business for San Diego's hard working convention committee was a banquet at the U. S. Grant Hotel at which time they gave one another well-deserved pats on the back. A check for \$300 was presented to Willa Dudley, president of the California Home for the Aged Deaf, and \$1300 was given to the CAD to help

carry on its work. Thank you, San Diego!

The CAD Board of Directors held their regular fall meeting at Riverside not long ago, and President Schreiber assigned duties as follows: First Vice President Lawrence Newman, fund raising and laws; Toivo Lindholm, auto insurance; Ray Stallo, newsletter; Bill White, public relations; Dr. Byron B. Burns, legislation; Clyde Houze, necrology; Geraldine Fail, membership; Loel Schreiber, education. The Board wants to thank Evan J. Ellis and his Riverside Chapter for the dinner served the Board and the comfortable arrangements made for the meeting.

President Schreiber of the CAD has been in receipt of numerous letters inquiring about a CAD-sponsored charter trip to Europe and the AAAD Olympics in 1961. He wishes to make it known that the CAD is not sponsoring such a trip. As far as is known, there are no plans for such except that of the AAAD which is sponsoring a team of athletes. For any information concerning the trip, contact Art Kruger, 24001 Archwood Street, Canoga Park, California.

New members elected to the Board of Managers of the California Home are Emory Gerichs and Foster Gilbert. It will be remembered that Mr. Gerichs was the first superintendent of the Home. Mr. Gilbert is well known in NFSD circles. A tea was held at the Home in October at which time a check for \$250 was presented. And don't forget the Home's annual Christmas appeal. Mrs. Willa Dudley, who was reelected president of the Home Board, asked that we be generous this year.

The Riverside and Orange County Chapters are drafting plans to meet one another in bowling matches, and if any of you other CAD chapters want to get in on it, contact Burton Schmidt, 6015 Anita Place, Riverside.

KANSAS . . .

Steve Hottle, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hottle, Mulvane, recently completed parachute training at Fort Riley and was transferred to the missile training base at El Paso, Texas. He expects to be sent to Germany soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Vann visited his brother Billy Vann at Wichita several weeks. Jerry is stationed at the San Diego Naval Base.

The interest in the civil defense program was good when a large crowd at the WAD hall on November 12 saw the film "Trapped" which demonstrated methods in rescuing injured persons from bombed buildings. The fire department also gave a demonstration on saving persons from drowning and asphyxiation by the use of oxygen masks. It also showed a film concerning the rescue work in which the firemen and Boy Scouts participate. The director of CD, Vernon Clark, took some pictures of the people that had attended all or part of the Civil Defense basic course which was completed on November 2. The pictures will be in the national paper of Civil Defense.

Wilma Lewis, Topeka, spent the Armed Forces Day holiday and the weekend with her sister, Mrs. Ramond Walz, and family at Wichita.

On November 13, Rev. A. E. Ferber, Lutheran missionary for the deaf of Kansas City, conducted one-hour service in sign language over KTVH Channel 12 from Holy Cross Lutheran Church at Wichita at noon. A choir, composed of Doris Heil, Dora Watkins, Mrs. Floyd Ellinger, Wichita, and Mrs. Louis Martin of Hutchinson signed a hymn just after the hour went off. The deaf watchers did not get to see them sing, but the people at the church did.

Miss Esther Stenzel, 53, died at a Marion, Kansas, hospital on November 14. She attended the Kansas School and lived with her mother at Marion.

Pheasant hunters at the Robert Munz farm near Great Bend on November 13 were Jerry Crabb, Carl Munz, Jim Willison, Raymond Walz, all of Wichita, and Edward Hazen, Valley Center.

The Board of Regents approved contracts for a swimming pool and remodeling of the gymnasium at the Kansas School on November 18. Superintendent Roth is to be congratulated upon his efforts in obtaining such improvements.

Joedy Coffman, Wichita, and Junela Oakley, Enid, Oklahoma, became engaged when she accepted a sparkling diamond ring November 18. The bride-to-be is attending Northeastern Junior College at Tonkawa. The future groom is with the Angulo Printing Co. She is a product of the Oklahoma School, and he attended the Iowa School.

Joedy Coffman and his fiancee, Junela Oakley, were afternoon callers on Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bloss, Enid, Oklahoma, November 19. The Blosses have two boys, the younger of whom was born October 30. They have named him Michael.

A most flabbergasted couple the evening of November 20 were Mr. and Mrs. Roger Falberg, Wichita. They were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Ruby. As the evening wore on, guests totaling 25 began to pour into the house. When a decorated cake was brought in, the Falbergs were told that the honor was theirs, their tenth anniversary being November 25. The honored couple received congratulations and cash gifts.

Jerry Crabb and family, Wichita, entertained at a Thanksgiving dinner 11 adults and 15 children.

The Lawrence McGlynn family of Hutchinson were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Basham, Wichita.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Munz and family and Mrs. Dora Watkins and children spent Thanksgiving with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Munz at Hudson. The Watkins children remained for a longer stay. There were 27 people at the turkey dinner.

Mrs. Lillie Reed, widow of Nelson A. Reed, Hutchinson, passed away at Broadaire, Missouri, on November 21. The Reeds lived at Hutchinson many years after he retired from farming. After his death she went to live with their daughter. She was 81 years old, and both attended the Kansas School.



Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Maxwell are shown following their June 11, 1960, wedding. They are now living in Olathe, where Mr. Maxwell is an instructor in the Kansas School. The groom attended the California School at Berkeley and received his degree from Gallaudet College in 1959. The bride, an Indiana School graduate, worked for Marshall Field in Chicago prior to her marriage. The Maxwells met in Rome, Italy, three summers ago while competing in the International Games for the Deaf held in Milan.

Misses Rae and Willa Field enjoyed a Thanksgiving and birthday dinner with their sisters Miriam and Garnett at Manhattan.

Officers of Wichita Division No. 75 NFSD to assume office in January are: Richard Jennings, reelected president; Floyd Ellinger, vice president; Roger Falberg, secretary; and Jerry Crabb, treasurer. The trustees are Richard Jennings, George Ellinger, and Otis Koehn. Archie Losey is director and Harold Maisch, sergeant-at-arms.

The Sunflower Antique Doll Club, Wichita, compiled a collection of dolls and toys which will be donated to the children in Emery Hall of the Kansas School. A check for \$100 has also been sent to the Special Children's Fund at the school.

Wyatt Weaver was a dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Edward McGuire, Wichita, on November 27. They joined the Jerry Crabb family at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rose to wish Mrs. Rose a happy birthday. A birthday cake baked by Mrs. McGuire was enjoyed by all. They bowed the rest of the afternoon.

Mrs. Billie Charley and her sons, Wichita, have joined Mr. Charley at Topeka. Her cousin helped them move there November 20.

(The following news story was published in the Coffeyville (Kans.) Journal on November 30, 1960, and through the courtesy of Mrs. Kate Shibley, we are quoting it.)

"Activities at the Kansas State School for the Deaf, at Olathe, were



Mrs. Marcus L. Kenner, of New York City, was prior to her marriage on November 24, 1960, Mrs. Yvonne Pescia. Dr. Kenner, a past president of the NAD, is the conductor of KEN'S KORNER and still active as owner of a printing firm.

outlined for Coffeyville Rotarians yesterday afternoon. Clement Hall, member of the State Board of Regents, introduced Stanley Roth, superintendent of the School.

"Roth told about the school's academic and vocational training, extracurricular activities, driver and teacher training, and a parent training course.

"He said students are given three years of speech training before actual first grade class-work begins. Students are taught to speak and speechread. The sign language is not taught in the classroom. They learn to say from 150-200 words the first year.

"The School for the Deaf is the oldest state educational institution in Kansas and will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 1961 along with the entire state.

"Special guests at yesterday's Rotary Club meeting were Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Shibley, Sr., of West Coffeyville. Both have taught in schools for the deaf. Mrs. Shibley interpreted Mr. Roth's talk in the sign language for her husband. Mr. Shibley is deaf and Mrs. Shibley has normal hearing. Since moving to Coffeyville from Arkansas, Mrs. Shibley has been teaching preschool pupils, in their home, who have delayed speech development. She is 85 and Mr. Shibley is 92."

NEBRASKA . . .

Mrs. Arlyce Witt Poskochil, wife of Edward Poskochil was fatally injured in an auto-truck accident November 23 northeast of Wahoo, Nebraska, on Highway 77. Mr. Poskochil was hospitalized in the same accident but not seriously injured. The couple were on their way to spend Thanksgiving at Mrs. Poskochil's home in Iowa. At funeral services held November 26

pallbearers were John Sipp, Delbert Boese, Arlen Tomlin, Ronald Hunt, Dale Brittain, and Raymond Morin.

Robert Lindberg finally got his "one and one-half car" garage built with considerable help from Del Boese, to a lesser extent from Ron Hunt and Arlen Tomlin, and a considerable amount of kibitzing by a number of other friends. In case you don't know, a "one and one-half" garage is a car and a half wide so that, if Fannie decides to learn to drive, she'll have more room to park. Fannie had already found the garage can come in handy. She forgot her house key one morning, and when she came home from work at noon she found herself locked out. By using the ladder in the garage and tools, she managed to open a back window and crawl into the house.

A Ladies' Night Out Party was held on November 11 at the home of Dot Hunt with cribbage being played. The Men's Night Out Party was at Bert Leavitt's home on November 16.

To avoid the December rush, the women's "Birthday Club" group honored two of their group at the November 13 party at Fannie Lindberg's home. Dorothy Hunt and LaVonne Cook received the gifts from the hostess, Mrs. Lindberg, and Mrs. Charlotte Sipp.

Bobby Leavitt, son of the Berton Leavitts, entered several of his fancy pigeons in a pigeon show at the Exposition.

Building of the Fair Grounds (Lincoln) on November 25-27. His birds all won places but were not in the championship class this time.

Bill Sabin played chess in a Midwest Tournament at the Lincoln Air Base October 9-11. Awards were to be made in November to winners. Bill also got in some fishing with Bill, Jr., in September at Cozad, Nebraska, where they caught 18 fish of various types.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stiverson stopped for a short visit with the Bill Sabs last summer. They are still working at Rockford, Illinois, where they recently purchased a home.

Gordon Weiler has been living in Lincoln for several months and is working for Goodwill Industries.

Glenn Ogiers of Wakefield, Nebraska, almost lost his right middle finger last June. It wasn't a case of one of his mink biting him but a power mower accident that about cut the finger off.

Otto Gross joined the sore finger group too when he ran his finger in a belt pulley when a jammed machine started running unexpectedly.

We are sorry to hear of the death of the mother of Mrs. Glenn Ogiers on July 18 after a long illness. Mrs. Herfel had been in a nursing home for several months prior to her death at Ponca, Nebraska.

Miss Emma Marshall of Omaha was the guest of Mrs. Stacia Cody on No-

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vember 5. They dined at the home of Stacia's daughter-in-law Patricia on a delicious chicken dinner. That evening Mabel and Helen Kuster of Hickman, Nebraska, dropped in and took Emma home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lindberg and Carolyn, Mrs. Otto Gross and her three girls, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Collamore and Ronnie attended a covered dish luncheon at the United Lutheran Church on November 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Berton Leavitt and family took Mrs. Stacia Cody to Frankfort, Kansas, November 5 for a supper of homemade soup with a lot of extras at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John O'Connor. After supper the O'Connors joined the group and went to Topeka to spend the night with the Alvin O'Connors. The party made a rather full house, but everyone had a nice visit, and Bobby Leavitt was happy to get four new pigeons from a neighbor of Al's.

The McDonalds Bowling team made up of bowlers James Wiegand, Del Boese, Robert Lindberg, Otto Gross, and Berton Leavitt had a match on October 27 against the West "O" bowling team composed of Jack Sipp, Arlen Tomlin, Ronald Hunt, Ray Morin, and Charles Barrie. The McDonalds team gave a 137 pin handicap and won the three games at the Emerald Bowling Lanes.

The McDonalds bowling team was feeling a little enthusiastic about their chances December 1 after they beat a really good team three to none. Jim Wiegand with 212, 215, and 211 for 638 deserves a lot of credit for the outcome. The rest of the team were bowling over their heads to keep from going broke.

Keith Buckendall, a fullback for the Nebraska School football team had his photo in the Omaha World Herald and was honored for two of the longest runs in eight-and-six-man football this year. He had kickoff return runs of 77 and 70 yards against the Nehawka, Nebraska, team, and since the fields are only 80 yards long these are close to the possible limit.

Miss Blanche Andrews reports the death of the husband of her former schoolmate, Lucille Miles, at San Bernardino, California, on September 14.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Rev. J. L. Salvner of Minneapolis who died November 21 at the age of 84. He had been serving the deaf as a minister for 59 years, and quite a number of the Midwestern deaf had met him at one time or another.

Oscar Treuke of Omaha underwent emergency surgery on November 2, and we are happy to hear that the operation was a success.

The Doral Owenses or Stockville, Nebraska, sold their farm on November 29 and have moved to a newly-pur-

chased home in Kearney where we understand Doral will work for the government.

Mrs. Lydia Kuehn, of Detroit, a former Omaha resident, passed away suddenly on November 15 of a heart attack.

Evelyn Fix, of Plymouth, had a visit from Mrs. George Foss of Ovid, Colorado, on September 4. Mrs. Foss, the former Hazel Germer, went to school at NSD with Evelyn.

Mary and Bill Sabin had an interesting experience one day in September when they drove to Plattsmouth, Nebraska, to pick four bushels of nice apples. They stopped at a filling station and then drove to a parking place in town and paid for two hours of parking. Bill asked Mary to make a note of the time, and all of a sudden she remembered she left her watch in the filling station restroom. Bill regretfully backed out of his parking stall and dashed to the filling station where they recovered the watch, hurried back to the same parking place, and almost got his money's worth.

Eldon Moon of Des Moines took the big \$200 prize at the Omaha Bowling tournament November 19, plus the jackpot for his high scratch series and one high game. Bonnie Cafferty of Hastings was high in the Women's Division and took \$75 and a trophy. Lincolnites in the money were Del Boese, June Collamore, and Pat Boese.

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The Legal Column

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"In His Own Handwriting . . ."

A deaf man in Illinois was involved in a very serious automobile accident. His automobile was completely demolished. The accident was definitely the fault of the other driver, who was a man with normal hearing.

The deaf man received a tremendous blow on the head at the time of the accident. He had a lump on his head the size of an egg. The police took him to a doctor. Now, actually, there's not too much that a doctor can do in a case like this except to wait and see what happens, so the doctor just gave him some pain-relieving drugs and told him to take it easy for a while.

The following day the deaf man was visited by the insurance agent representing the other driver. The agent could not speak to the deaf man, so they wrote back and forth. The notes were something like this:

Agent: "How do you feel?"

Deaf man: "I feel fine."

Agent: "Does your head bother you?"

Deaf man: "Not much."

Agent: "Were you hurt in the accident?"

Deaf man: "I guess not."

These notes back and forth were written on small slips of paper. As soon as they would fill up one slip, the insurance agent would put it in his pocket and keep it. The deaf man did not think anything of it.

A few days later, the deaf man started to get headaches. They got progressively worse until he could hardly stand them. He couldn't sleep at night. He lost his appetite, became very moody, and started having trouble with his eyesight. He went to doctors, but there was very little they could do for him, except to tell him to get a lot of rest and hope that the condition would clear up by itself. It seemed that he probably had a slight brain concussion. However, it was not bad enough to justify an operation, and an operation might not help it anyway. The only remedy was to rest and let it heal up.

About a month after the accident happened, this fellow came to me and said: "I've had a lot of pain and grief out of this accident. I want to get a settlement from the insurance company representing the other driver." I asked him, "Have you signed any papers yet, with anybody?" "No," he said, "I haven't signed anything."

I investigated the case and got all of the necessary papers and went over to see the insurance agent. We talked it over. I said "This fellow has been hurt pretty badly. He should get quite a bit for this." "Oh, no," the insurance

agent said, "he wasn't hurt at all. I've got a note **in his own handwriting**, where he admitted that he was not hurt."

The agent pulled out those notes, and there they were. In his own handwriting the deaf fellow had said: "I feel fine," "I wasn't hurt," etc., etc. It is true that the notes were not signed, but since they were in his own handwriting that made no difference.

Now, of course, these notes were very bad for his case. His injuries were what lawyers call "subjective" injuries. They are something that do not show up on the x-ray plates. There is no way of proving them, except to take the word of the injured man that he **does** feel pain and the other symptoms.

Injuries of this kind depend entirely on what the injured person says. By saying **in writing** that he felt all right, he threw a lot of doubt on the question of just how bad his injuries really were. Because of this, I was forced to settle his case for much less than he would have received if he had not written those notes.

This is something that comes up quite often in handling cases for deaf persons. The deaf person writes notes, and very often those notes are kept by the other party and later are brought up and used against the deaf person.

In the confusion and excitement that occurs after an accident it is very easy to write something that is not strictly true. Then later this is used against you. The way to avoid this is to put as little as possible into writing and to keep any notes you write. Do not let the other fellow take the notes. You take them, and **you** keep them. That way, you will have the other fellow's statements, instead of him having your statements.

This is something that should be kept in mind.

Answers to True or False

(See page 11)

1. True. Sometimes a member may wish to do this in order to put himself on the evident winning side, so that he may move reconsideration of the motion on the same day or following day. The motion to reconsider the vote, if carried by a majority vote, annuls the vote already taken and brings the motion before the assembly for further consideration.

2. True. So, it is better to always have a special provision in the by-laws, stating the number of members (usually 10, 15, 20, or even 25) who constitute a quorum.

3. True.

4. True.

5. True. The Chair must immediately rule him out of order if he debates personally.

6. True. The member should just refer to him in the third person, i.e., "The member who spoke last."

7. True.

8. False. Only **Standing Rules** may be made. The by-laws are divided into four groups: constitution, by-laws, rules of order, and standing rules. The first three groups are the rules of a parent organization for all locals which cannot be ignored or revised under any circumstances whatsoever. Standing rules are resolutions of a permanent nature adopted by a majority vote at any regular meeting. They (standing rules) are similar to "house rules" on the work of different committees, time fixed for adjournment of a meeting, time limit to each speaker on a question, "salaries," keys for officers, etc. These rules may vary from local to local.

9. False.

10. False. But he may state his reason briefly when he seconds, if he desires to do so.

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SPORTING AROUND

With Art Kruger

We hate to disappoint you, our favorite readers, for missing our sports page in the last issue. We have been snowed under with plans and work and problems of our own. As Team Director of the USA "Deaf Olympics" team competing in the forthcoming



ART KRUGER

IX International Games for the Deaf at Helsinki, Finland, August 6-10, 1961, we have a big job to do. We have track (men and women), swimming (men and women), tennis (men and women), basketball, gymnastics, and wrestling to think about. If our figures are not far off, we think we will take about one hundred men and women to Finland. As of this writing we are glad to say things are beginning to perk up and interest is starting to be aroused all over the country.

White Shirt Second in Cross-Country Run; Breaks Record

Norman White Shirt, South Dakota School for the Deaf's flashy distance runner, slashed over five seconds off the state high school cross-country record and nearly brought home SDS's first state crown in a thrilling photo-finish of the 15th annual state cross-country run at South Dakota State College, Brookings, on October 14, 1960.

White Shirt broke into the lead 400 yards from the finish and seemed headed for a sure first place finish when Wayne Triebwasser, Clear Lake senior, caught him 15 yards from the tape and went on to literally "nose" out Norman in certainly the most thrilling finish of all cross-country runs.

Triebwasser had paced the field of 168 contestants for nearly two of the 2.8 miles, with White Shirt no more than 2-3 yards behind. As the two rounded the last flag for the stretch run, White Shirt turned on the steam and spurted into a 15-yard lead. With coaches and spectators yelling themselves hoarse, the two runners finished like a pair of 100-yard dashmen.

The new record time of 11:27.2 broke the old record of 11:33.4, set by former Washington High School (Sioux Falls) great Bud Edelen, who later went on to become Big Ten mile and cross-country champion at the University of Minnesota.

A South Dakota School for the Deaf Indian lad who until a year ago did most of his running in the grassy prairie country around Wagner, Norman White Shirt will be pounding cinders in the Olympic Stadium at Helsinki this summer. This 17-year-old athlete has been invited to represent

the United States in the distance events of the "Deaf Olympics." He will compete in the 1500 meter event at Helsinki and possibly the 5000 meters, too. He'll also try for a spot on one of the relay quartets.

White Shirt, working under Coach Hank BJORLIE at SDS, has run the mile almost as fast as any deaf American athlete ever has turned the distance.

Norman has been credited with a 4:38.8 clocking. The national prep record for a deaf athlete is just two-tenths of a second under that time (4:38.6 set by Duane MacDaniel of North Dakota in 1956), while a 4:36 flat timing is the best ever recorded in the United States by any deaf miler regardless of age.

White Shirt who is believed to be the first South Dakotan ever invited to compete in the world event, is far and away the fastest deaf miler now competing.

Here's what Coach BJORLIE has to say about Norman: "Hats off to Norman White Shirt for his selection to the American Deaf Olympic Team! A more deserving athlete could not be found. Speaking as his coach, I can say that I've never worked with a boy who was more conscientious about his condition than Norman. Together we have worked out a routine of calisthenics and wind sprints which Norman follows daily, with or without his coach. Few of the people at SDS realize that Norman, while training for the cross-country run, jogged anywhere from



six-ten miles daily by himself, while coaches were busy with football practice."

With this type of spirit and determination, we're sure that Norman will be a standout representative of his country, his state, and his school in the International Games for the Deaf at Helsinki, Finland, next August.

Mary Ann Silagi Ranks No. 15 In WLTA

Mary Ann Silagi, now 19, is ranked No. 15 in the Western Lawn Tennis Association which comprises five states (Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio).

She and her mother have had a wonderful summer as they traveled a lot. Her mother took her to as many tournaments as possible. Mary Ann had it a little harder the past summer than the year before because she is no longer in the girls' division but in the women's division, so she met stronger players last summer. Her mother even took her to the Nationals in Chicago just so she would get to meet the very best. She lost in the first round, but the experience was worth a lot.

Last summer Mary Ann won NINE more trophies. Now she is counting the days until next summer when the time comes for her to go to Helsinki, Finland. She will play as much as she can this winter and keep on going into next summer. She will be in trim all the time.

At last we have found another girl who will play tennis at the Helsinki Games. Her name is Bobbi Hutcheson, of Anaheim, California.

An honor student at the Riverside School for the Deaf, Bobbi will be competing in women's singles and doubles as well as mixed doubles during the coming Games.

Looking forward to the event she says, "I am very thrilled at the opportunity to compete in the World Games for the Deaf." She said further, "This is going to be an experience which I shall never forget, and I intend to do my very best during the events."

When Bobbi does take to the court, many Anaheim residents will be watching her with great interest. One of these will be Terry Tangney, who was her tennis coach when she first started taking lessons in the Park and Recreation Department program.

That was four years ago, and since that time her improvement has been great. Tangney reports that she learns quickly and is very eager to do her best at all times.

Although this event will be the biggest in which Bobbi has participated, it is by no means the first tennis tourney for her. She has played

RECORD BREAKER — Norman White Shirt, distance runner from the South Dakota School broke the state high school cross-country record last October although he had to be content with second place in a thrilling finish. His time was 11:27.2. He had already been chosen on the USA team to participate in the 1961 International Games in Finland.

throughout the county and even journeyed to San Diego for another.

Bobbi won her position in the USA team because of her ability and desire. In the women's doubles event she will team with the great Mary Ann Silagi.

Formerly of New York, Bobbi and her family moved to Compton before they finally settled in Anaheim. She is 18.

Between now and next August Bobbi will be playing tennis whenever possible and will also be given much instruction from Tangney, who has taken a personal interest in developing her game.

It is likely we will get a man to compete in tennis at the Games. He is Larry Brick, and he is twenty-five years old. He is interested in representing the USA in tennis.

Brick is hard-of-hearing and went to the Lexington School for the Deaf in New York City for two years. When he reached the age of seven, he left the Lexington School and has been attending hearing schools since that time. He received his B.A. degree from Wesleyan University of Middletown, Connecticut, and is now working at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D. C., for an M.A. and a Ph.D. in psychology. With such an educational background, he hopes to be equipped to do psychological work with the deaf.

Brick has been playing tennis since he was nine years of age. He was No. 2 man on the high school varsity team and No. 5 man on the college varsity team. He has played in a number of tournaments including those sponsored by the Eastern Lawn Tennis Association.

Larry will be the man to team with Mary Ann Silagi in the mixed doubles at the Helsinki Games.

Iowa's Bourne: A 143-Pound Star

Iowa School for the Deaf guard Francis Bourne is hardly what the college recruiters would look for. Francis weighs only 143 pounds and stands a bare shade over 5 feet 5 inches.

But bear in mind his size as you look over his record with ISD's 3-3-1 campaigners in the Tri-Center Conference. Outweighed as much as 25 pounds and more by opposing linemen, Bourne played 312 minutes of a possible 336, and:

Averaged 11 unassisted tackles per game; assisted on an average of 13 other tackles per game; blocked four punts; recovered eight fumbles; acted as co-captain; and called all the defensive plays.

He was all-Southwest Iowa eight-man guard-tackle a year ago. Recently he was named to first team of All-Southwest Iowa Class B 11-man football team as guard.

"We had all the confidence in the world in Bourne," relates his coach, Gordon Baker. "His presence on the field was a big lift."

Bourne, an honor student who hails from Beaconsfield, passed the entrance examinations to Gallaudet College last year as a junior but elected to return to Iowa School for the Deaf for his senior year. Francis also has won three

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This is the cover of "1960 Official Guide of Western Lawn Tennis Association" which shows the Silagi family of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. This family is a perfect example of "TENNIS—The Family Sport of a Lifetime." Dr. Silagi and Mrs. Silagi have been playing tennis for 30 years, so what was more natural than to have Rosemarie, 23, DEAF MARY ANN, 19, Mickey, 13, and Betty Jane, 10, their four children, follow their example. The Silagis find it fun to be together on the tennis court as a family, and rivalry among them is keen. Mary Ann, by the way will represent the United States at the forthcoming Helsinki "Deaf Olympics."

letters in track.

Francis finished fifth in a cross-country meet one Saturday morning last fall and then played football that afternoon.

The other school for the deaf, Kan-

sas, is voting Bourne for All-American deaf prep honors.

Well, watch for our 25th annual football story in the next issue to see whether or not Francis Bourne is selected for such honors.



This is FIVE-FOOT Frank Medina, head trainer for the University of Texas Longhorn athletes and one of the outstanding trainers in the nation, who has offered his services as trainer of the USA "Deaf Olympics" Team on the Helsinki jaunt.

This Medina Guy

You may be interested to know that we have been corresponding with this Medina guy. Thanks to Ray Butler for telling us about him.

Frank Medina, head trainer of the University of Texas Longhorn athletes for many years, has volunteered his services as official trainer of our USA "Deaf Olympics" Team on the Helsinki jaunt.

In addition to being one of the best trainers in the country, he can also help take care of our athletes and serve in other ways. One way is outfitting the team. Medina is real chummy with all of the big wheels of Lowe and Campbell and has already made a couple of telephone calls to them, and they were very eager to work with him. They will furnish free of charge all supplies and equipment needed by our athletes and officials.

This is one of the best things that could fall into our lap. He is really interested in the deaf and is willing to help in all possible ways.

Medina was born in Lincoln, Nebraska, on May 15, 1915, and after attending Haskell Institute, he received

his B.A. from St. Mary's University in California, and did some graduate work at St. Mary's.

Before becoming head trainer at the University of Texas in 1945, Medina held training positions at the following colleges: Haskell Institute, 1931-35; Arizona State, 1936-39; St. Mary's (California), 1939-1945.

In addition to developing that impressive list of trainers which he gave us, the five-foot Medina has accomplished a great many other things. He served as a trainer for the USA track and field team in the 1948 Olympics at London. He trained the USA teams which met Russia in dual track and field meets in 1958 and 1959. Before going to Texas, he was trainer for the annual East-West football game at San Francisco. He was named Trainer of the Year in 1954, and was named to Who's Who of American Indians in 1958.

During his tenure at the University of Texas, Medina-trained teams have won or shared five Southwest Conference football championships, four basketball titles, and two national baseball championships and one second

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place. Additionally, Medina has trained four world-record relay teams during his career at Texas, which has seen Texas win more relay titles than any other institution in the country.

Medina was praised for his work by Bill Alley of Kansas, who set a collegiate javelin mark of 270-1½ during the 1959 Texas Relays, and Bill Nieder, the big former Kansan who bettered the existing world shot put record by throwing 65-7 during the 1960 Texas Relays.

The Texas trainer also serves in an advisory capacity regarding future training of USA women athletes. He stays busy the entire 12 months, working during the summer on such voluntary projects as crippled children's rehabilitation and cerebral palsy patients.

Naturally we all are for him and made his appointment official.

CAN YOU IMAGINE ANYTHING MORE WONDERFUL BY HAVING FRANK MEDINA SERVE AS TRAINER OF OUR USA "DEAF OLYMPIC" TEAM?

Another Important Offer

Dr. Richard H. Alley, Jr., M.D., of Huntington Memorial Hospital, in Pasadena, California, has formally offered his services to the deaf athletes of America by being team physician at the forthcoming International Games for the Deaf.

Dr. Alley realizes that the problem of raising money for the team is great. However, so is the problem of adequately protecting the health of the contestants. Fortunately this problem is understood by Gallaudet College and the Episcopal Church, and they feel that a doctor should accompany the team at all times. Therefore, they have offered to fully subsidize this



This is the 1960 cross country team of Gallaudet College. According to the number of wins and losses, this squad was the best the college has had since 1956. During the years 1953-56 the number of wins was greater than the number of losses, which was not true for 1960—four to five. But if the average times of the 1960 runners are compared, you will find that they did far better as a team than the 1953-56 runners. In other words, they met stronger competition. Although the team was good as far as depth was concerned, it lacked the punch of having a truly good fast runner, like Steve Kugel of the 1953-56 years. Front row, left to right: Gerald Buyas (Oregon), Robert Scripter (Michigan), David Wood (Oregon), Randal Stillford (California), Gary Mortenson (Idaho). Back row: Rudolph C. Hines (coach), Tyro Elliott (Oregon), Larry Evans (Arizona), William Davidson (Washington), Paul Adams (West Virginia), Lonnie Davies (Idaho), and Norman Anderson (California), manager. All of them except Coach Hines, Manager Anderson, Stillford, Mortenson, and Elliott will compete for the USA in various distance runs at the forthcoming Helsinki Games.

portion of the trip. Naturally there is no fee on his part and no expense to the US International Games for the Deaf Committee or the team. Drugs and medicine would be his responsibility to obtain.

We already know his background and his ability to sign, since he lived at Gallaudet College while a medical student at George Washington University and cared for the deaf students and was physician and always on hand at athletic events. Sports are his love, which is why he has made a specialty of sports injuries. He is single and a great deal of fun. He will be a great asset, and the participants would be fond of him, we are sure.

Dr. Alley's method of training and injury care are those of Harvard University, which he has occasionally contacted. These methods, while conservative by some standards, are based on the welfare of the individual—both at the time of injury and in his future ability to participate.

In offering his services, however, Dr. Alley feels it is important to establish certain provisions. First, he feels that it is mandatory that the physician be a member of the official party of the team. Only with such authority will he be able to deal with local health authorities, if necessary.

Secondly, he believes that it is important that the physician be the final authority in all matters relating to the health and welfare of the participants. He feels that only a physician

is able to properly evaluate illness or injury and the ability to participate safely.

With these provisions, Dr. Richard H. Alley, Jr., is most happy to offer his services.

Naturally our Committee would be very glad to have him. We would sooner have both a doctor and a trainer than just a trainer or a doctor as we will have a very large group going to Finland.

Kelley Great in Cross-Country Run

Kevin Kelley, 19-year-old St. Mary's School for the Deaf runner, who was ineligible for high school competition, took part in several AAU cross-country meets last fall in which he did very well against the best college competition around those parts. In the Niagara AAU Invitational the 4½ mile distance he ran in 23:37 and was fourth. In the YMCA Thanksgiving Run, a five-mile race, his time was 24:05, and he came in fourth. His improvement has been steady, and by the time he gets to Helsinki, Finland, he will be in top condition.

Wisher Officially Chosen As Swimming Coach

Dr. Peter R. Wisher, Chairman of Department of Physical Education and Athletics at Gallaudet College, has been officially chosen as swimming coach of the USA "Deaf Olympics" Swimming Team. He will be a great asset as most of the swimmers will come from Gallaudet College.

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Indications are that we will have a strong swimming team of both men and women. At present we have about 20 men and women who are qualified. Some of their times have been commendable, but, of course, no one knows how much the other countries have also improved.

Dr. Wisher received his bachelor of science degree at Pennsylvania State Teachers College and his master's and doctoral degrees at Pennsylvania State University. Before coming to Gallaudet College he taught and coached at Pennsylvania State Teachers College and the University of Maryland.

During World War II and the Korean War he served in the Navy, attaining the rank of Lieutenant Commander. He developed a Manual Communication System for the U. S. Navy underwater swimmers based on the sign language. This is now in a manual. A report on this system has appeared in *Stars and Stripes*, *U. S. Naval Research Review*, and recently appeared in the December number of the Navy magazine, *All Hands*.

During his undergraduate days at college, Dr. Wisher lettered in swimming, basketball, track, gymnastics, and soccer. He coachead basketball, swimming, track, and soccer at Pennsylvania State Teachers College. He was head basketball coach at U. S. Naval Training Center in Bainbridge. He was also assistant basketball coach at the University of Maryland.

In addition to his present duties at Gallaudet, Dr. Wisher is also the head coach in both swimming and basketball. He is a director of the college Dance Group that has proven successful. He has appeared in national conferences, state conferences, workshops, and on local NBC-TV, as well as at many local clubs and organizations. He is also editor of *Review*, a magazine devoted to physical education teachers of the deaf.

Little Rock Beating Drums For 17th National Cage Meet

By Alexander Fleischman

Fanfare and merriment tolled out the old year with its sweet memories to make way for the new, and 1961 is a year of surprises, a year of action, and a year of attainment in deafdom. Leading the list is the coming 17th Annual National Championship Basketball Tournament scheduled to be held in Little Rock, Arkansas, March 29 to April 1, 1961.

Little Rock, nevertheless, needs some introduction to the AAAD sporting fans who will attend the coming cagefest. Major-domo Luther Shibley has things in stride for the great show—and a real treat in the form of "southern hospitality."

It was in 1722 that explorer Bernard de la Harpe spotted the first outcropping of rock along the banks of the Arkansas River. The explorer called it "la petite roche," in contrast with a large bluff further up the river. "The little rock" was the most passable point on the Arkansas River, and trails and thoroughfares intersected each other at that point. Arkansas territory was a hunter-trapper paradise, and the future capital city's first settler was William Lewis, a hunter and trapper who abandoned his shack to transients after less than a year. Little Rock was a well known landmark when Arkansas became a territory in 1819.

Little Rock is also known as "The City of Roses"—and is rich in history. It possesses three state capitols: Territorial Capitol built in 1820 is now a treasury of historical lore; Old State House completed in 1840 housed the first state government; and the present capitol is a top tourist attraction. . . . The Albert Pike Home known as the Terry Colonial Mansion was the birthplace and childhood home of Pulitzer Prize Poet, John Gould Fletcher. . . . Douglas MacArthur Museum is the birthplace of General Douglas MacArthur. . . . The War Memorial Stadium seats 35,000. . . . and Joseph Taylor Robinson Auditorium, site of the AAAD tourney, seats 3200 in air conditioned comfort. . . . Last, but not the least both the Arkansas School for the Deaf and the Arkansas School for the Blind are located in Little Rock, the home of the 1950, 1953, and 1957 AAAD National Champs as well as 1957 CISS World Cage Champs.

About 50 miles west on U. S. 70 is Hot Springs National Park, the only health resort in our nation with natural thermal waters, owned, controlled and endorsed by the U. S. Government. It has 47 natural hot springs with temperatures averaging 146 degrees and is unique as a lakeside resort and pine forested mountain retreat.

Famous Oaklawn Park has scheduled 1961 horse racing from February 25 to April 1—the same time the AAAD meets in Little Rock. The tourney program provides a side trip to this distinctive playground on March 30. Buses will leave Hotel Marion at 11:00 a. m. Smorgasbord will be served there.

Those thinking about attending the AAAD Tourney at Little Rock will be

wise to reserve hotel and ticket accommodations to the greatest sport show of shows in deafdom. See the ad in this edition.

European Tour To Be Sponsored By Deaf Recreation Association

Reuben Altizer, president of the American Deaf Recreation Association, has made arrangements for members to attend the International Games for the Deaf in Helsinki, Finland, August 6-10, 1961. The Association has selected World-Wide Travel Service Corp. to handle travel and tour arrangements.

In order to offer maximum advantage to the membership, the Association decided to use regularly scheduled aircraft, thus providing an opportunity for those who desire to lengthen their stay in Europe after participation in the tour program. In addition, friends of the Association may accompany the group even though they are not on the Association's membership roster. Both of these factors provide maximum opportunity to all to enjoy Europe to the fullest, and all are welcome to participate in the tour.

Countries to be visited include France, Switzerland, Italy, Austria, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Holland, Belgium, and Finland for the International Games. The tour will depart from New York on Saturday, July 15, and will return to New York August 14. Extensions are available to include Berlin and Moscow for those members of the group who wish to visit these cities.

Arrangements include transportation, hotel accommodations, meals, sightseeing, transfers, tips, taxes, and the services of a carefully chosen escort to accompany the tour. Further information is available to those who are interested, and may be obtained by writing the Association in care of World-Wide Travel Service Corp., 1925 "K" Street, N.W., Washington 6, D. C.

Orientation Course Continued at Gallaudet

Gallaudet College will again offer "Orientation to the Deaf," a training program for vocational counselors, welfare workers, and others who work with the deaf or who are interested in this field. The four-week course will be given two times during the second semester: March 1-March 28; and April 12-May 9. Traineeship grants are available to applicants who meet admission requirements. These grants are paid by the college with funds provided by the U. S. Office of Vocational Rehabilitation.

The course content includes intensive training in manual language; introduction to the occupational, social, and educational problems of the deaf; and introduction to tests and testing procedures useful with deaf people. Four semester hours credit may be earned on the graduate or the upperclass undergraduate level. However, vocational counselors may take the undergraduate course without credit if they do not meet the academic requirements for admission.

National Association of the Deaf

Home Office Notes

By Dr. Byron B. Burnes

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Last month an item on this page mentioned a workshop on leadership and community participation among the deaf, to be sponsored by Gallaudet College, April 24-26, 1961. The NAD has been invited to participate, and if present plans are not disrupted, President Burnes will attend the workshop.

Some thinking in connection with items which may be brought up at the workshop points up the problems of some of the deaf in almost every community. Among the deaf, as among all classes of society, there are those who need assistance of one kind or another, and the kind of assistance they need usually isn't fully available. Almost every week we face this problem here in the Home Office, and the realization of our meager ability to help is the only distressing experience we encounter in operating this office.

The NAD Home Office is the headquarters of a national organization, working on a national scale, but because our name is in the telephone book we are constantly being called upon for help in local situations. For instance, the welfare office asked for help in finding vocational training for a young deaf man who had come to town without funds, with practically no education, and with no training. An aged deaf couple with only a meager pension to sustain them called at the office to ask for help in obtaining some kitchen equipment which they were unable to purchase. The welfare people called again to ask what we could do to assist a young unwed mother who had no means of support. A young man whose wife was in the doctor's office rushed in asking for an interpreter. Numerous persons have asked for help in acquiring hearing aids, and every once in a while the courts ask for an interpreter for some deaf person who is in court for one reason or another.

In such instances on a local level, the NAD is practically helpless. We do not have funds for such purposes; we do not have interpreters on the staff, although we try to recommend capable interpreters; and we do not have facilities for performing local services. We try to refer needy persons to welfare agencies or employment offices or other agencies, but the personnel in such offices usually have difficulty in communicating with deaf clients so they are unable to render the services the deaf need and deserve.

The question is, where can deaf persons find help when it is needed? The NAD cannot be expected to give such assistance in every community. Should the state associations of the deaf provide such services, or the local clubs,

or the churches, or whom? Or should every service organization have a specialist for the deaf on its staff?

The Christmas holidays brought in less than the usual amount of office mail. College students were out of classes and did not send in requests for information. Other people probably were enjoying the Christmas season and were too busy with shopping to write letters to the NAD. With the slight let-up in office work, Mrs. Woodruff took a week's vacation. We owed her a week on her summer vacation, when we called her back to the office to process the Dallas convention receipts.

In December this column mentioned a course for deaf drivers to be held in Denver, Colorado. Additional information has been received, and it sounds so impressive we believe such a course should be held in other places. It is an improvement and "refresher" course, and all drivers, whether deaf or not, could benefit from such courses. This course is under the direction of Judge Sherman G. Finesilver, Director of the Driver Improvement School, and will run for six weeks, one evening per week. It is a special course for the deaf, and Judge Finesilver informs us the deaf, themselves, requested it. It has the support of the Silent Athletic Club of Denver and the Colorado Association of the Deaf, and over one hundred drivers have signed up.

Judge Finesilver has sent us a synopsis of the course, and our judgement is that it will be an excellent course. Among other things, the Judge says this:

"Deaf drivers in this area generally enjoy very fine driving records. I believe it praiseworthy that deaf drivers requested a driver refresher course to maintain their excellent driving records. The interest of deaf drivers in driver improvement should serve as encouragement for other motorists to improve their driving habits."

When the Captioned Films service was established in the U. S. Office of Education, most of the deaf felt that this was a project they could handle themselves if given the opportunity, and the NAD as well as other organizations and individuals among the deaf urged that deaf personnel be chosen to handle the program in as many positions as possible. By now it is generally known that Malcolm J. Norwood, deaf supervising teacher in the West Virginia School for the Deaf, has been appointed assistant in the Washington headquarters. It is hoped this will pave the way for other deaf when

additional employees are needed. We have written to Commissioner Derthick of the U. S. Office of Education expressing our appreciation of the consideration given the wishes of the deaf, and Mr. Derthick has replied that he is pleased that Mr. Norwood assumes his duties with the support of the people he is to serve. President L. S. Cherry of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf also wrote a letter of appreciation to Commissioner Derthick.

Long years ago a hearing aid gadget was widely advertised, and, we believe, widely used by hard of hearing persons, and it may have been the forerunner to the modern hearing aid. It was called "Wilson's Common Sense Ear Drum." A reader in Georgia has asked us to locate the manufacturer or the sales office of this device. We have been unable to contact anyone who knows of "Wilson's Common Sense Ear Drum." If any of our readers have information that might lead us to the manufacturer, we shall appreciate hearing from them.

Busy as it is with plans for the 1962 NAD convention and with accumulating a nestegg for entertainment of the NADers expected to swarm into Miami, Florida still has found it possible to pay its quota. We have received a check from the Florida Association of the Deaf to meet its quota for the current year. The NAD hereby expresses its thanks to the FAD, a loyal organization that for many years has been contributing considerably more than the annual affiliation dues.

At the Dallas convention the members enthusiastically adopted a resolution promising the cooperation of the NAD with the American Hearing Society in any effort for the welfare of the deaf. We have finally come to organizing a committee to work with a similar committee to be activated by the AHS. Ted Griffing, a member of the NAD Board, known to everyone as the Education Editor of *THE SILENT WORKER*, will head the NAD committee. The AHS has chosen a committee chairman as popular as Ted, and almost as well known to the deaf—Dr. Edna Simon Levine of New York. Within a very short time these two committees will be at work on some helpful cooperative plans.

Another quota! The Oklahoma Association of the Deaf has sent in a check for \$264.00 to pay its quota for 1960-61. The OAD is another association which has a long record of cooperation and affiliation with the NAD. Thanks to the OAD, and let us hope that the states which have not yet submitted their quotas will be heard from soon.

Among the requests for literature and information received recently was one the likes of which this office has never seen before. A teacher in one of our well known oral schools requested any back numbers of *THE SILENT WORKER* we could spare so that she could give them to her pupils. She remarked that her pupils enjoyed *The SW* more than anything else. Of course *The SW* is interesting to pupils in schools for the deaf, and there is no reason it should not be as useful to oral pupils as to any others. We have

sent the teacher such copies as we could spare.

Our remarks about preparing a church directory brought a letter from the Rev. William F. Reinking, Executive Secretary of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, with the information that the Lutheran churches have 38 congregations with weekly services and 216 preaching stations where services are held at various intervals. He is having a directory prepared for the NAD, which we deeply appreciate.

We did not quite succeed in getting a representative of the NAD invited to the White House Conference on Aging in January, but we did receive an invitation to send a representative as a special guest, who would be admitted to the sessions but would not be able to participate in the deliberations. August P. Herdtfelder attended the sessions as our special guest representative, and we hope to have some interesting information from him in a forthcoming number. Mr. Herdtfelder, of Silver Spring, Maryland, is secretary of the Maryland Association of

the Deaf and chairman of the Association committee in charge of plans for a home for the aged deaf, in which capacity he has made an exhaustive study of the problems of the aged and aging deaf. He was well equipped to participate in the White House Conference if given an opportunity.

A couple readers have asked us how come we haven't published the NAD financial statement we promised in this column quite a while back. We found it was easier said than done, for to compile the statement requires some minutely timed coordination among the Home Office, the treasurer, and the auditor, which we haven't been able to accomplish, since all of us are doing this work in our spare time. We will get the statement started one of these months. In the meantime, a note just received from Secretary-Treasurer Greenmun brings the information that the market value of our investments now is \$44,880.63, as compared with some \$22,000.00 when originally purchased.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

With Our Loyal Workers

Conducted by G. DEWEY COATS
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This is New Year's Day, 1961! The very best of health, happiness, and prosperity to everyone in 1961.

Looking back on 1960. We can take great pride in the fact that it was a year of decision and real achievement for the deaf of America. Consider the following:

1. **The New or Greater NAD was successfully launched** at the Dallas Convention—a convention which has been described as the most constructive one in NAD history. We American deaf now have an active federation of 29 state associations with a current total membership of some 10,000—and a potential strength anywhere from 50,000 to 100,000. Never before have we deaf had a national organization of that size and prestige.

2. **NAD Budget and Quota Plan adopted.** For the effective and business-like operation of our federation, the Representatives at the Dallas Convention adopted a realistic and hardheaded financial plan. They voted a budget of \$26,000 per year for the next two-year period. Half of this would come from the dues of Advancing Members and the other half from grass roots contributions. For the latter the Convention adopted an **equitable quota plan** for the cooperating associations. For this and next year the quotas were figured on the basis of \$1.50 per member. This Budget and Quota Plan put the Greater NAD on a solid financial footing.

3. **Order of the Georges to the Front.** The bane and weakness of all organizations is the **irresponsible "in and out"** members. In the Greater NAD, Advancing members (\$10 a year) who continue their membership **three years** or longer are deemed to have proved their mettle as **dedicated and staying members**. This elite group became known as the **Order**

of the **Georges** in 1960. Their effectiveness as the backbone of the federation treasury is seen in the fact that dues from Advancing memberships in the last two-year period amounted to \$22,000—and there were only around 500 such members. The growth of this honorary group, **the Georges**, gives the lie to the saying that we deaf are addicted to the "gimmies"—and are unwilling to give substantial support to our national organization.

4. **Silent Worker debt-free.** Back in 1955 our **SILENT WORKER** was \$8000 in the red and faced extinction because of lack of support. But with the help of a "subsidy" from the \$1-a-month dues, it survived, and thanks to the work of Editor Jess Smith, and the cooperation of the Tennessee School, our national magazine became debt free in 1960. With continued subsidization by the Georges, and a larger subscription list, it is now headed for a bright future.

5. **Quotas Paid Promptly.** First quotas to be paid by cooperating state associations will become due in the month of May. But at this writing **seven associations have already paid** all or part of their annual quotas. Setting this fine example were: Colorado, Minnesota, Montana, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Idaho. No doubt the other associations will be on the "paid" list before May. A list showing the states which have paid their quotas will be published in the June issue, and we are betting there will be none on the "unpaid" list.

The foregoing five items point to a definite turning away from our traditional **parochialism**—our habit of thinking in terms of narrow selfish interests and group jealousies. The year 1960 proved that more and more of us deaf are realizing that in this jet age we

can shape our destiny only in a national federation of the deaf.

Looking ahead—For 1961 our major goal should be to **double or triple the total membership of our federation**. Here is the plan to attain this goal:

1. The officials of every cooperating association should name a chairman from their ranks to head a "Join-up-**Build-up**" drive aimed at 1. increasing the state association membership, and 2. enrolling NAD Advancing Members wherever possible.

2. The name and address of the chairman so chosen will be listed under the name of the state in the Honor Roll in **THE SILENT WORKER**. His duties would be as follows:

a. To enroll new state association members.

b. To get the "drop outs" back in by paying dues.

c. Appoint assistants in strategic parts of the state.

d. To enroll NAD Advancing members and encourage continuation.

e. Boost subscriptions to **THE SILENT WORKER**.

f. Cooperate with the NAD National Director of Membership Promotion.

The Presidents of Cooperating Associations are asked to consider this suggestion and to give me the name of the selected membership chairman not later than February 1.

Reason for the foregoing Plan: All cooperating Associations are now partners in the control of the federation. **Increasing the strength of one benefits all.** All cooperating association members are Regular NAD members. With double the total membership, the per member cost can be halved at the Miami Convention. But the major consideration is this: Every state association needs to be built up in membership, and the NAD will be in a stronger position to deal with problems of the deaf—employment, rehabilitation, education, the right to drive cars, auto insurance, and old age assistance, etc.—when it can say it speaks as a federation of 25,000 or 50,000 members.

The NAD is prepared to cooperate in every way possible in this "Join-up-**Build-up**" drive. **The time for action is now. Let's go!**

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